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Greater Metropolitan Area Housing Authority of Rock Island County dba/MetroRock Housing Connection
Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan Revisions
Effective Date of Change: October 01, 2026

The Greater Metropolitan Area Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan has been brought current with all recent HUD requirements and guidance, including the following.
Below is a high-level summary of the changes contained in the March 2026 revision and July 2026 revisions, organized by chapter.

Introduction

- Revised to account for most recent HOTMA guidance and updated NSPIRE compliance date.
- Revised to account for updated HOTMA compliance date.

Chapter 1

- Contains clarifications for the HOTMA Voucher Final Rule, particularly as relevant to the contents of the plan.
- Revised history of the program section to include information on full HOTMA compliance.

Chapter 2

- Revised equal access language to account for Executive Order 14168.
- Revised policy language on serving limited English proficient (LEP) persons in accordance with Executive Order 14224 and Office of Attorney General (OAG) Memo 7/14/25.
- Clarified language as to what requirements apply in light of recent executive orders and proposed rules.
- Elaborated policy language on how to file a discrimination complaint.
- Clarified language regarding enforcement actions on national origin discrimination per FHEO memo 9/19/25.

Chapter 3

- Contains clarifications on compliance of consent to release of information per Notice PIH 2024-38.
- Revised to account for updated HUD guidance on use of arrest records set forth in Notice PIH 2025-26.
- Removed language calling out policy that will apply upon the HOTMA compliance date.
- Added citations.
- Added clarification regarding criminal background checks per Notice PIH 2012-28.
- Additional clarification for occupancy on dependent living with family less than 50 percent of time.

Chapter 4

- Revised policy language on limited English proficient (LEP) persons in accordance with Executive Order 14224 and Office of Attorney General (OAG) Memo 7/14/25.

Chapter 5

- Revised language on limited English proficient (LEP) persons in accordance with Executive Order 14224 and Office of Attorney General (OAG) Memo 7/14/25.
- Clarified language to reflect updated VAWA forms.
- Clarified that the PHA may rescind the voucher for insufficient funding with HUD approval.

Chapter 6

- Chapter 6.A. has been removed.
- Chapter 6.B. becomes Chapter 6 and includes the following changes:
    - Minor clarifications regarding student financial assistance.
    - Clarifications regarding alimony and child support per Notice PIH 2023-27 and answers received

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- from Hotmaquestions@hud.gov.
- Clarifications on phased-in relief of Removal of policy language regarding the Earned Income Disallowance, as this has now fully sunset.
- Updates for inflationary adjustments.

Chapter 7

- Chapter 7.A. has been removed.
- Chapter 7.B. becomes Chapter 7 and includes the following changes:
  Changes to policy regarding Deceased Tenants Reports per Notice PIH 2026-11.
  - Minor clarifications regarding verification of student financial assistance
  - Policy clarifications on the treatment of income based on answers received from Hotmaquestions@hud.gov.
  - Updates for inflationary adjustments.
  - Clarifications on citizenship or eligible immigration status in accordance with HUD Secretary Letter 12/16/25.
  - Clarified language to reflect updated VAWA forms.

Chapter 8

- Chapter 8.A includes the following changes:
  - Removal of incorrect language on rent increases.
  - Updated NSPIRE compliance date.
  - Revised section on NSPIRE standards applicable to HQS to account for requirements in Notice PIH 2024-26, REV-1.
  - Revised additional content to bring policies current to HAP contracts executed or renewed June 6, 2024 or later.
  - Removal of incorrect language on rent increases.
- Chapter 8.B includes the following changes:
  - Updated NSPIRE compliance date.
  - Updated citations related to life-threatening deficiencies.
  - Revised additional content to bring policies current to HAP contracts executed or renewed June 6, 2024 or later.
  - Removal of incorrect language on rent increases

Chapter 9

- Added section on PHA Leasing Assistance for Families in accordance with Notice PIH 2022-18.

Chapter 10

- This chapter contains only minor updates to bring the content current.

Chapter 11

- Chapter 11 A. has been removed
- Chapter 11 B. becomes Chapter 11 and includes the following changes
  o Policy clarifications based on answers received from Hotma questions@hud.gov.
  o Revised policy language on limited English proficient (LEP) persons in accordance with Executive Order 14224 and Office of Attorney General (OAG) Memo 7/14/25.
- Changes regarding conducting interim reexaminations per Notice PIH 2023-27, revision 3.

Chapter 12

- Contains clarifications on compliance of consent to release of information per Notice PIH 2024-38.
- Revised to account for updated HUD guidance on use of arrest records set forth in Notice PIH 2025-26.
- Revisions regarding death of a sole family member and family absence from the unit per Notice PIH 2026-11.
- Removed language calling out policy that will apply upon the HOTMA compliance date.
- Policy revisions regarding insufficient funding per Notice PIH 2026-12, Revision 2.
- Addition of Reinstatement of Voucher Assistance Following Insufficient Funding.

Chapter 13

- Added section on owner incentive/retention payments in accordance with Notice PIH 2022-18.
- Added policy language to comply with HUD requirements and for ease of administration.

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Chapter 14

- Revised amount of federal awards required to have an independent audit.

Chapter 15

- Added section on use of exception payment standards in line with Notice PIH 2025-12.

Chapter 16

- Clarified reasonable accommodation language in line with Notice PIH 2025-12.
- Revised language on language assistance in accordance with Executive Order 14224 and Office of Attorney General (OAG) Memo 7/14/25.
- Clarified record retention language on equal access to account for Executive Order 14168.
- Revised language on medical and disability records citing Notice PIH 2010-26.
- Clarified language to reflect updated VAWA forms and included sample versions of new forms.

Chapter 17

- Revised language on language assistance in accordance with Executive Order 14224 and Office of Attorney General (OAG) Memo 7/14/25.

Chapter 18

- Multiple sections of this chapter have been revised to align with Notice PIH 2019-23, REV-4.
- Updated language in accordance with the 2/26/25 interim final rule rescinding the 30-day notice of nonpayment of rent.

Chapter 19

- Updated FUP and FYI sections to bring current with Notice PIH 2025-08.
- Revised language regarding limited English proficient persons and language assistance in accordance with Executive Order 14224 and Office of Attorney General (OAG) Memo 7/14/25.
- Removed language on SSN and citizen status verification for the Stability Voucher program per Notice PIH 2026-05.

Glossary

- Revised definitions to reflect updated VAWA forms.

Appendix

- Revised appendix to remove policies incorporated prior to the HOTMA full compliance date.

A full policy and revisions are available for review at office locations. Written comments in regard to the proposed changes to the Policy may be submitted to the GMAHA central office address listed below through the 30-day comment period ending September 10, 2026

Person with disabilities requiring assistance or alternative format, or wishing to make comments in alternative formats, can contact our office at 309-755-4527, ext. 406 or TTY 1-800-545-1833 ext. 820.

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Posting Period: August 19, 2026 – September 17, 2026

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