



## Terms

PHA	Public Housing Authority (Marietta Housing Authority)
Initial PHA	The PHA who initially certifies or assists the family
Receiving PHA	The PHA that proposes to certify or assist the family

## What is “portability”?

It is a term which means mobility or the ability to move. Under the HCV Program, you may make certain decisions concerning where you wish to live. The family can move with a voucher to anywhere in the United States to the jurisdiction of a PHA administering the HCV Program.

## Who is eligible to exercise their right to portability?

- The voucher holder family may move to another PHA after leasing a unit in MHA’s jurisdiction for at least twelve (12) months from the beginning of the assisted Lease.
- And, the family does not owe MHA or another PHA.
- And, the family is in good standing with MHA and the current landlord.

## Other Things That You Need to Consider:

### Porting into MHA

- When porting into our jurisdiction, your subsidy will be based upon the Bedroom Size of the voucher you are issued (MHA’s Subsidy Standards), the Payment Standard associated with that voucher, the Payment Standard associated with the unit size you select, and the Utility Allowance of the unit you select. In other words, the subsidy level of the PHA at which you previously resided has no bearing on your subsidy level here at MHA.

### Porting out of MHA

- If you transfer your voucher to another PHA, yet your voucher is still supported by MHA’s funding, you may not transfer to yet another PHA without again transferring through MHA. In turn, if your subsidy here at MHA is supported by your Initial PHA’s funding, you may not transfer to yet another PHA without again transferring through your Initial PHA. The terms “absorbed” and “administered” denotes the funding from which your subsidy is supported.
- Any request for porting out must be in writing. You will be asked to complete a written request [Port Out Request Form] to transfer your information and to which PHA it should be sent. You should be absolutely certain of where you want your information sent because some locations have more than one PHA serving them.
- Always let the Receiving PHA know when you have arrived and be sure that they know how to contact you by mail or telephone.
- In turn, your subsidy level here at MHA will have no bearing on your subsidy level at the PHA to which you are porting.