



## SUBSIDY STANDARDS

### **5-II.B. DETERMINING FAMILY UNIT (VOUCHER) SIZE [24 CFR 982.402]**

Per 24CFR 982.402, for each family, the PHA determines the appropriate number of bedrooms under the PHA subsidy standards and enters the family unit size on the voucher that is issued to the family. The family unit size does not dictate the size of unit the family must actually lease, nor does it determine who within a household will share a bedroom/sleeping room.

The following requirements apply when the PHA determines family unit size:

- The subsidy standards must provide for the smallest number of bedrooms needed to house a family without overcrowding.
- The subsidy standards must be consistent with space requirements under the housing quality standards.
- The subsidy standards must be applied consistently for all families of like size and composition.
- A child who is temporarily away from the home because of placement in foster care is considered a member of the family in determining the family unit size.
- A family that consists of a pregnant woman (with no other persons) must be treated as a two-person family.
- Any live-in aide (approved by the PHA to reside in the unit to care for a family member who is disabled or is at least 50 years of age) must be counted in determining the family unit size;
- Unless a live-in-aide resides with a family, the family unit size for any family consisting of a single person must be either a zero- or one-bedroom unit, as determined under the PHA subsidy standards.

### PHA Policy [MHA Subsidy Standards]

For subsidy standards, an adult is a person eighteen (18) years old or older. All requirements in this policy relate to the number of bedrooms for subsidy standards not the family's actual living arrangements.

- MHA will assign one bedroom for each two (2) persons within the household;
- Single person families will be allocated either a zero bedroom or one bedroom unit;
- Live-in-aides (including any family members of a Live-in aid) will be allocated one separate bedroom
- MHA does not determine who shares a bedroom/sleeping room;

The subsidy standard policy will be used for all new admissions and for all family moves or transfers to another unit. A family currently housed by MHA will continue to have their assistance calculated based on the previous subsidy standards but will be subject to these standards adopted at the family's next annual reexamination.

The Marietta Housing Authority will grant exceptions to normal family unit size when a family requests a larger size than the guidelines allow and documents a disability or a medical reason why the larger size is necessary.

The family voucher size will be determined by the Marietta Housing Authority in accordance with the above guidelines and will determine the maximum rent subsidy for the family; however, the family may select a unit that may be larger or smaller than the family unit size. If the family selects a smaller unit, the payment standard for the smaller size will be used to calculate the subsidy. If the family selects a larger size, the payment standard for the family unit size will determine the maximum subsidy.