

public benefit, and that serve to improve the quality of life, enhance resident self-sufficiency, or increase resident self-responsibility in the community. Community service is not employment and may not include political activities.

*Exempt individual.* An adult who:

- (1) Is 62 years or older;
- (2)(i) Is a blind or disabled individual, as defined under 216(i)(1) or 1614 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(i)(1); 1382c), and who certifies that because of this disability she or he is unable to comply with the service provisions of this subpart, or
  - (ii) Is a primary caretaker of such individual;
- (3) Is engaged in work activities;
- (4) Meets the requirements for being exempted from having to engage in a work activity under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) or under any other welfare program of the State in which the PHA is located, including a State-administered welfare-to-work program; or
- (5) Is a member of a family receiving assistance, benefits or services under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) or under any other welfare program of the State in which the PHA is located, including a State-administered welfare-to-work program, and has not been found by the State or other administering entity to be in noncompliance with such a program.

*Service requirement.* The obligation of each adult resident, other than an exempt individual, to perform community service or participate in an economic-self sufficiency program required in accordance with § 960.603.

#### § 960.603 General requirements.

(a) *Service requirement.* Except for any family member who is an exempt individual, each adult resident of public housing must:

- (1) Contribute 8 hours per month of community service (not including political activities); or
- (2) Participate in an economic self-sufficiency program for 8 hours per month; or
- (3) Perform 8 hours per month of combined activities as described in

paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section.

(b) *Family violation of service requirement.* The lease shall specify that it shall be renewed automatically for all purposes, unless the family fails to comply with the service requirement. Violation of the service requirement is grounds for nonrenewal of the lease at the end of the twelve month lease term, but not for termination of tenancy during the course of the twelve month lease term (see § 966.4(1)(2)(i) of this chapter).

#### § 960.605 How PHA administers service requirements.

(a) *PHA policy.* Each PHA must develop a local policy for administration of the community service and economic self-sufficiency requirements for public housing residents.

(b) *Administration of qualifying community service or self-sufficiency activities for residents.* The PHA may administer qualifying community service or economic self-sufficiency activities directly, or may make such activities available through a contractor, or through partnerships with qualified organizations, including resident organizations, and community agencies or institutions.

(c) *PHA responsibilities.* (1) The PHA policy must describe how the PHA determines which family members are subject to or exempt from the service requirement, and the process for determining any changes to exempt or non-exempt status of family members.

(2) The PHA must give the family a written description of the service requirement, and of the process for claiming status as an exempt person and for PHA verification of such status. The PHA must also notify the family of its determination identifying the family members who are subject to the service requirement, and the family members who are exempt persons.

(3) The PHA must review family compliance with service requirements, and must verify such compliance annually at least thirty days before the end of the twelve month lease term. If qualifying activities are administered by an organization other than the PHA, the PHA shall obtain verification of family compliance from such third parties.