

other applicable HUD regulations and requirements. The lease must include all provisions required by HUD and must not include any of the provisions prohibited by HUD.

(2) When offering an accessible unit to an applicant not having disabilities requiring the accessibility features of the unit, the owner may require the applicant to agree (and may incorporate this agreement in the Lease) to move to a non-accessible unit when available.

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§ 983.204 Maintenance, operation and inspections.

(a) Section 982.404 of this chapter, *Maintenance: Owner and family responsibility; HA remedies*, pertaining to owner responsibilities and HA remedies, does not apply. Section 982.405 of this chapter, *HA periodic unit inspection*, and § 982.406 of this chapter, *Enforcement of HQS*, do not apply.

(b) *Maintenance and operation*. The owner must provide all the services, maintenance and utilities as agreed under the HAP contract, subject to abatement of housing assistance payments or other applicable remedies if the owner fails to meet these obligations.

(c) *Periodic inspection*. In addition to the inspections required prior to execution of the HAP contract, the HA must inspect or cause to be inspected each dwelling unit under HAP contract at least annually and at such other times as may be necessary to assure that the owner is meeting the obligations to maintain the unit in decent, safe and sanitary condition and to provide the agreed upon utilities and other services. The HA must take into account complaints and any other information coming to its attention in scheduling inspections.

(d) *Units not decent, safe and sanitary*. If the HA notifies the owner that the unit(s) under HAP contract are not being maintained in decent, safe and sanitary condition and the owner fails to take corrective action within the

time prescribed in the notice, the HA may exercise any of its rights or remedies under the HAP contract, including abatement of housing assistance payments (even if the family continues in occupancy), termination of the HAP contract on the affected unit(s) and termination of assistance to the family in accordance with § 982.552 of this chapter.

(e) *Enforcement of HQS*. 24 CFR part 982 and this part 983 do not create any right of the family, or any party other than HUD or the HA, to require enforcement of the HQS requirement by HUD or the HA, or to assert any claim against HUD or the HA, for damages, injunction or other relief, for alleged failure to enforce the HQS.

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§ 983.205 Overcrowded and underoccupied units.

(a) 24 CFR 982.403, *Terminating HAP contract: When unit is too big or too small*, does not apply.

(b) If the HA determines that a contract unit is not decent, safe, and sanitary because of an increase in family size that causes the unit to be overcrowded or that a contract unit is larger than appropriate for the size of the family in occupancy under the HA's subsidy standards, housing assistance payments with respect to the unit may not be terminated for this reason. The owner, however, must offer the family a suitable alternative unit if one is available and the family shall be required to move. If the owner does not have available a suitable unit within the family's ability to pay the rent, the HA (if it has sufficient funding) must offer Section 8 assistance to the family or otherwise assist the family in locating other standard housing in the HA's jurisdiction within the family's ability to pay, and require the family to move to such a unit as soon as possible. The family must not be forced to move, nor shall housing assistance payments under the HAP contract be terminated for the reasons specified in this paragraph, unless the family rejects, without good reason, the offer of a unit that the HA judges to be acceptable.

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