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(2) HUD verification method: MTCS report—Shows number of families currently enrolled in FSS. This number is divided by the number of mandatory FSS slots, as determined under §984.105 of this chapter. An MTCS report also shows the percent of FSS families with FSS progress reports who have escrow account balances. HUD also uses information reported on the SEMAP certification by initial PHAs concerning FSS families enrolled in their FSS programs but who have moved under portability to the jurisdiction of another PHA.

(3) Rating:

(i) The PHA has filled 80 percent or more of its mandatory FSS slots and 30 percent or more of FSS families have escrow account balances. 10 points.

(ii) The PHA has filled 60 to 79 percent of its mandatory FSS slots and 30 percent or more of FSS families have escrow account balances. 8 points.

(iii) The PHA has filled 80 percent or more of its mandatory FSS slots, but fewer than 30 percent of FSS families have escrow account balances. 5 points.

(iv) 30 percent or more of FSS families have escrow account balances, but fewer than 60 percent of the PHA's mandatory FSS slots are filled. 5 points.

(v) The PHA has filled 60 to 79 percent of its mandatory FSS slots, but fewer than 30 percent of FSS families have escrow account balances. 3 points.

(vi) The PHA has filled fewer than 60 percent of its mandatory FSS slots and less than 30 percent of FSS families have escrow account balances. 0 points.

(p) *Success rate of voucher holders.* (1) This indicator shows whether voucher holders were successful in leasing units with voucher assistance. This indicator applies only to PHAs that have received approval to establish success rate payment standard amounts in accordance with §982.503(e). This indicator becomes initially effective for the second full PHA fiscal year following the date of HUD approval of success rate payment standard amounts.

(2) HUD verification method: MTCS Report.

(3) *Rating (5 points):* (i) The proportion of families issued rental vouchers during the last PHA fiscal year that

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have become participants in the voucher program is more than the higher of:

(A) 75 percent; or

(B) The proportion of families issued rental vouchers that became participants in the program during the six month period utilized to determine eligibility for success rate payment standards under §982.503(e)(1) plus 5 percentage points; and

(ii) The percent of units leased during the last PHA fiscal year was 95 percent or more, or the percent of allocated budget authority expended during the last PHA fiscal year was 95 percent or more following the methodology of §985.3(n).

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### Subpart B—Program Operation

#### §985.101 SEMAP certification.

(a) An PHA must submit the HUD-required SEMAP certification form within 60 calendar days after the end of its fiscal year.

(1) The certification must be approved by PHA board resolution and signed by the PHA executive director. If the PHA is a unit of local government or a state, a resolution approving the certification is not required, and the certification must be executed by the Section 8 program director.

(2) An PHA that subcontracts administration of its program to one or more subcontractors shall require each subcontractor to submit the subcontractor's own SEMAP certification on the HUD-prescribed form to the PHA in support of the PHA's SEMAP certification to HUD. The PHA shall retain subcontractor certifications for 3 years.

(3) An PHA may include with its SEMAP certification any information bearing on the accuracy or completeness of the information used by the PHA in providing its certification.

(b) Failure of an PHA to submit its SEMAP certification within 60 calendar days after the end of its fiscal year will result in an overall performance rating of troubled and the PHA

will be subject to the requirements at § 985.107.

(c) An PHA's SEMAP certification is subject to HUD verification by an on-site confirmatory review at any time. (Information collection requirements in this section have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 2577-0215)

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**§ 985.102 SEMAP profile.**

Upon receipt of the PHA's SEMAP certification, HUD will rate the PHA's performance under each SEMAP indicator in accordance with § 985.3. HUD will then prepare a SEMAP profile for each PHA which shows the rating for each indicator, sums the indicator ratings, and divides by the total possible points to arrive at an PHA's overall SEMAP score. SEMAP scores shall be rounded off to the nearest whole percent.

**§ 985.103 SEMAP score and overall performance rating.**

(a) *High performer rating.* PHAs with SEMAP scores of at least 90 percent shall be rated high performers under SEMAP. PHAs that achieve an overall performance rating of high performer may receive national recognition by the Department and may be given competitive advantage under notices of fund availability.

(b) *Standard rating.* PHAs with SEMAP scores of 60 to 89 percent shall be rated standard.

(c) *Troubled rating.* PHAs with SEMAP scores of less than 60 percent shall be rated troubled.

(d) *Modified rating on an indicator.* A rating on any of the indicators at §§ 985.3(a) through 985.3(h) will be subject to change after HUD receives the PHA's annual audit report or after HUD conducts a confirmatory review if the audit report or the confirmatory review report contains information that the PHA's SEMAP certification concerning an indicator is not accurate.

(e) *Modified or withheld overall rating.* (1) Notwithstanding an PHA's SEMAP score, HUD may modify or withhold an PHA's overall performance rating when warranted by circumstances which

have bearing on the SEMAP indicators such as an PHA's appeal of its overall rating, adverse litigation, a conciliation agreement under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, fair housing and equal opportunity monitoring and compliance review findings, fraud or misconduct, audit findings or substantial noncompliance with program requirements.

(2) Notwithstanding an PHA's SEMAP score, if the latest IA report submitted for the PHA under the Single Audit Act indicates that the auditor is unable to provide an opinion as to whether the PHA's financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals, or an opinion that the schedule of expenditures of Federal awards is presented fairly in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole, the PHA will automatically be given an overall performance rating of troubled and the PHA will be subject to the requirements at § 985.107.

(3) When HUD modifies or withholds a rating for any reason, it shall explain in writing to the PHA the reasons for the modification or for withholding the rating.

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**§ 985.104 PHA right of appeal of overall rating.**

An PHA may appeal its overall performance rating to HUD by providing justification of the reasons for its appeal. An appeal made to a HUD hub or program center or to the HUD Troubled Agency Recovery Center and denied may be further appealed to the Assistant Secretary.

**§ 985.105 HUD SEMAP responsibilities.**

(a) *Frequency of SEMAP assessments—*  
(1) *Annual review.* Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, HUD shall assess each PHA's performance under SEMAP annually and shall assign each PHA a SEMAP score and overall performance rating.

(2) *Biennial review for small PHAs.* HUD shall assess and score the performance of a PHA with less than 250