

Portability

The Section 8 - Housing Choice Voucher Program Staff have been informed of the recent changes dealing with the portability process. The participant's voucher may be transferred to another state or county that has a voucher program.

If you plan to use the Portability Program please do the following:

(Do not move until you have followed all procedures needed by JMHA-Section 8 Office)

- 1. The Participant must contact the housing authority at the location where they would like to move and:**
Ask if they are absorbing or billing. *If billing, at this time JMHA is unable to grant participant's request due to financial restrictions. Participant may be placed on the Portability Waiting List by requesting form that must be completed and returned to the Section 8 Department so that the participant may be added. Find out the contact person's name, phone number and fax number.*
- 2. Contact the Section 8 Department to schedule an appointment (this must be done at least two months prior to move).**
- 3. Participants must be in compliance with all family obligations, which will be verified -Rent, Utilities, Etc.**

Advantages of Living in an Area That Does Not Have a High Concentration of Poor Families

- Increased safety in lower-crime neighborhoods
- Relocation from drug trafficking
- Improved schools for children
- Proximity to jobs or job opportunities
- Better quality housing
- More responsive owners