Office of Enrollment and Residency (OER) LEA Guide: Accepting DC Financial Benefit Documentation

It is the responsibility of each school and local education agency (LEA) to collect valid documentation to verify residency of students at the time of enrollment. There are several document types and methods enrolling persons can use to complete residency verification. For more information on the residency verification process, methods and documents, please review the OER Handbook on the OSSE website.

The purpose of this document is to provide LEAs and schools with additional guidance on reviewing DC financial assistance documents¹. Valid DC financial assistance documents can come from several different DC Government agencies making it uniquely difficult for review and acceptance by enrolling school officials. Current guidance, as outlined in the OER Handbook (March 2024 version), is as follows:

Regulatory Requirement: Current official documentation of financial assistance received by the person seeking to enroll the student from the DC Government includes, but is not limited to, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), housing assistance, or other governmental programs.

Additional Interpretative Guidance: The document must be issued to the enrolling person within the past 12 months and be current (not expired) at the time of the school official's review of residency documentation and date of school official signature on the DC Residency Verification (DCRV) form. The document must have the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV. Documentation can also include a snapshot received from the enrolling person or the payment of benefits. While some documents may not include a signature of the official, the agency's title or letterhead should be present on the document. Some documents are considered recertification letters, and these should not be considered if the period for recertification has passed. For example, if the family is enrolling for the 2024-25 school year, a letter recertifying for 2022 would not be valid.

Federal financial assistance programs, except SSI, do not qualify as valid supporting documentation unless facilitated by a DC Government agency such as the Department of Human Services (DHS) or DC Housing Authority (DCHA).

The following are examples, not a definitive list, of DC financial assistance documents and factors considered in determining validity. For the purposes of this guide, all documents are assumed to apply to the correct school year at the time of enrollment.

¹ Pursuant to 5A DCMR § 5002.5, even if documentation is completed using the following guidance below, if a school/LEA reasonably concludes that additional information is needed to verify the student's residency, further documentation can be requested from the enrolling person.





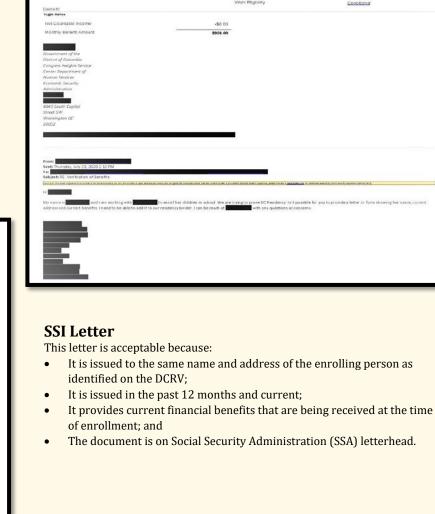


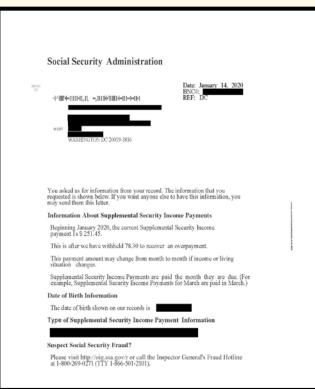
Examples of Acceptable Documentation

TANF (Email)

This email is acceptable because:

- It is issued to the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV;
- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- A snapshot of current financial benefits that are being received at the time of enrollment;
- It is issued by a DC Government agency, the Department of Human Services (DHS).
- It also includes the agency official's contact information.







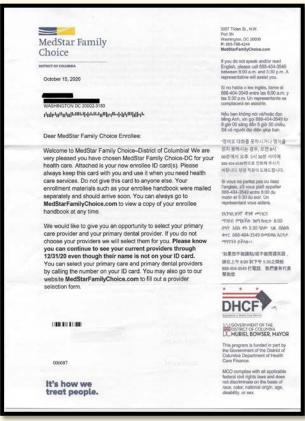


MedStar Letter

This letter is acceptable because:

- It is issued to the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV;
- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- It provides current financial benefits that are being received at the time of enrollment; and
- MedStar is the organization assigned to distribute Medicaid benefits and is facilitated by a DC Government agency, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF).





Medicaid Snapshot

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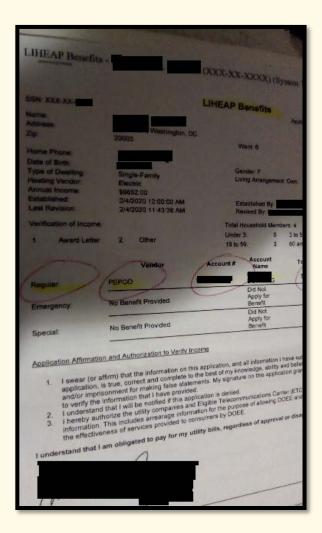
- It is issued to the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV;
- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- It provides current financial benefits that are being received at the time of enrollment; and
- The snapshot identifies a Medicaid coverage plan and the DC Government logo is present on the document.





Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Benefits

- It is issued to the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV;
- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- It provides current financial benefits that are being received at the time of enrollment; and
- It provides proof of benefits offered by a DC Government agency, Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE).



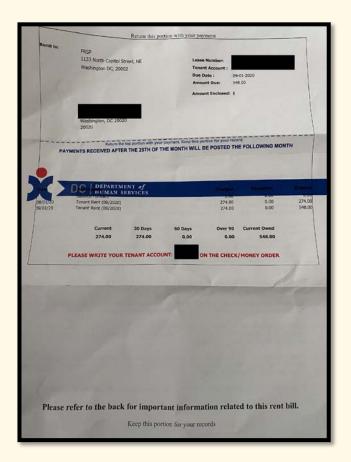


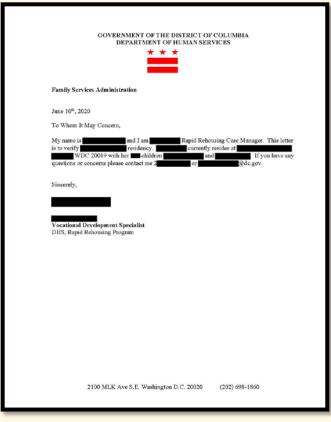


DHS Case Manager Verification Letter

This letter is acceptable because:

- It is issued to the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV;
- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- It provides current financial benefits that are being received at the time of enrollment; and
- It is issued by a DC Government agency (DHS).





DHS Housing Bill

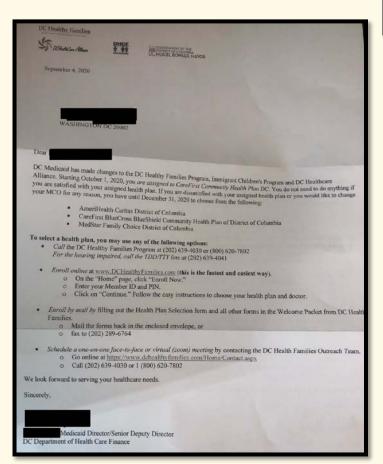
- It is issued to the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV;
- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- It provides a summary of charges, payments of rent and implies the receipt of DC financial assistance; and
- It is issued by a DC Government agency (DHS).

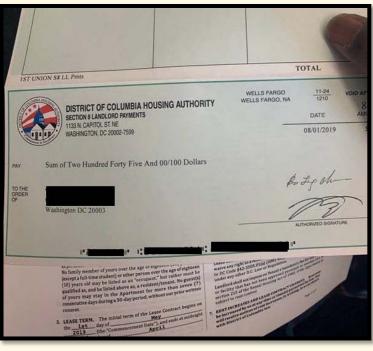


DCHA Check

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- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- It provides current financial benefits that are being received at the time of enrollment; and
- It is issued by a DC Government agency, DC Housing Authority (DCHA).





DC Medicaid Plan Selection Letter

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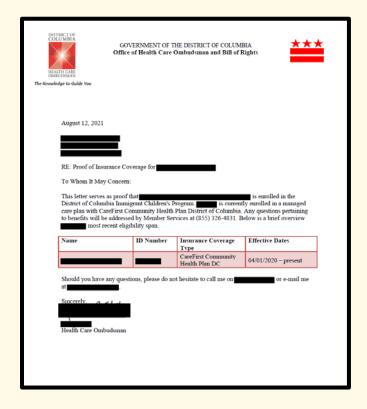
- It is issued to the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV;
- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- It provides current financial benefits that are being received at the time of enrollment; and
- It is issued by a DC Government agency (DHCF).

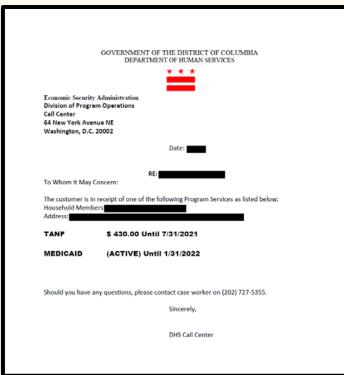


Health Care Ombudsman Letter

This document is acceptable because:

- It is issued to the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV;
- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- It provides current financial benefits that are being received at the time of enrollment; and
- It is issued by a DC Government agency, DC Health Care Ombudsman.





DHS ESA Letter

- It is issued to the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV;
- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- It provides current financial benefits that are being received at the time of enrollment; and
- It is issued by a DC Government agency (DHS).

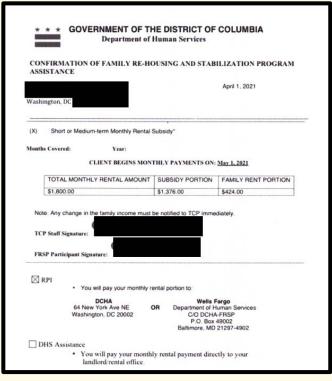


DHS Rapid Re-housing and Stabilization Program

This document is acceptable because:

- It is issued to the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV;
- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- It provides current financial benefits that are being received at the time of enrollment; and
- It is issued by a DC Government agency (DHS).





DHCA Housing Bill

- It is issued to the same name and address of the enrolling person as identified on the DCRV;
- It is issued in the past 12 months and current;
- It provides a summary of charges, payments of rent and implies the receipt of DC financial assistance; and
- It is issued by a DC Government agency (DCHA).

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

OSSE has identified Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits distributed by the DC government as a valid supporting residency document for persons enrolling in a DC public school or public charter school. Because UI benefits are based on the location of employment and not where the recipient physically resides, use of UI benefits for residency verification must meet the following requirements to demonstrate DC residency:

- The enrolling person must submit a Monetary Determination Letter issued by the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services;
- The Monetary Determination Letter must have the name and address of the enrolling person as listed on the District of Columbia Residency Verification Form (DCRV);
- The enrolling person must submit a paystub dated within 60 days preceding the Mail Date on the Monetary Determination Letter;
- The Monetary Determination Letter must list the enrolling person as eligible for benefits;
- The benefit receipt must be current at the time of review;
- The paystub must contain the same name and address of the enrolling person as listed on the DCRV:
- The paystub must show a withholding amount greater than zero of DC personal income tax for both the current tax year and the current pay period;
- The paystub must identify DC as the only state tax deduction no other state identified on the paystub.

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Examples of Unacceptable Documentation

SNAP Work Requirements Letter

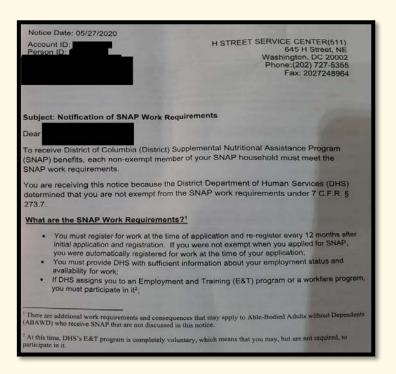
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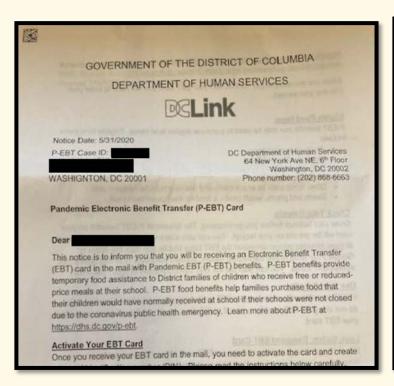
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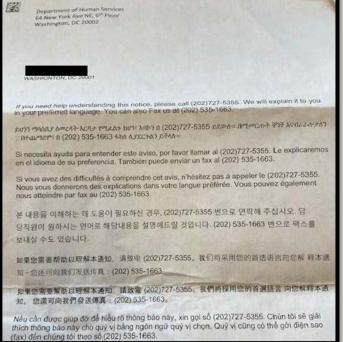
P-EBT

This letter is unacceptable because:

This financial benefit is temporary and not current.













Home Purchase Assistance Program (HPAP) Eligibility Notification Letter

This two-page packet is unacceptable because:

It is an approval to participate and does not provide proof of financial benefits being received by the enrolling person.

	The greater of \$500 $\overline{\text{OR}}$ 50% of the amount of liquid (non-retirement) assets greater than \$3,000. Any additional amounts required to complete the closing will be your responsibility.
4.	Acknowledgement and Agreement of Terms: Please sign, date and return this form acknowledging your agreement with these terms within 5 days of receipt of
	this letter.
5.	Expiration of Your Eligibility
	Your eligibility for the HPAP second trust loan expires on Aug 20, 2020. You will be required to submit a new application if you have not completed the process by this date.
6.	Required Homeownership Training Certification: Immediately upon receipt of this notification you must contact either the Community Based Organization ("CBO") where you applied for HPAP, or any of the other three Homeownership CBOs listed at <a dapp="" entp.hud.gov="" href="https://www.dhcd.de.gov/page/homeownership-bos to receive instructions on taking the homeownership training that is required for this program. Upon your successful completion of the homeownership training, you will receive your training certificate. Please email a copy of your certificate to DCHFA.</th></tr><tr><th>7.</th><th>What You Must Do to Complete the Home Buying Process:</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>Within the first 12 Months or not later thanAug 20, 2020you must: 1) Complete pre-purchase homeownership training (see 6 above); 2) Select your home and execute a sales contract.</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>After executing a sales contract you must:</th></tr><tr><th></th><th> Have the home you are purchasing inspected by a Licensed Home Inspector (https://entp.hud.gov/dapp/html/insplook.cfm) and provide a copy of the inspection report to DCHFA for review and acceptance. If required, the seller/buyer must correct any defects identified and the home must be re-inspected; Obtain a termite inspection report and submit a copy to DCHFA for review and approval (required on all properties with the exception of condominium units located on the 4th floor or above) Obtain a firm commitment (approval) for a first trust mortgage; Work with your first trust lender to select a title company to perform settlement, and ensure lender submits complete package of information to DCHFA, including homeowners insurance and title documentation as instructed by DCHFA.
77-160	ave any questions concerning HPAP loan processing, please contact DCHFA, Single Family Programs, at (202) 0 or <u>SingleFamilyPrograms@dchfa.org</u> . Once your HPAP loan has been approved, please instruct your nt company to contact the closing department at (202) 777-1600 or <u>SingleFamilyPrograms@dchfa.org</u> .
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NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY (NOE) FOR THE HOME PURCHASE

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ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ("HPAP") The HPAP Program is funded by the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development

District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency ("DCHFA") Single Family Programs 815 Florida Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20001 Phone: (202) 777-1600; Email: SingleFamilyPrograms@dchfa.org

August 21, 2019

We are pleased to notify you of your eligibility for a second trust loan under the District of Columbia's Home Purchase

lease note that the maximum first trust loan amount cannot exceed \$453,100 for this program.

1. Your DC Home Purchase Assistance Program Second Trust Loan:

We have determined your eligibility based upon the following information provided on your application: Total Annual Household Income: \$ 75,059.90

Household Size: 3

If there are any changes in income, debts or household size, please contact our office immediately. Failure to communicate changes in your status will affect your eligibility.

Based upon the guidelines of the program, your second trust loan amount may not exceed S___4000.00____. The maximum loan amount includes \$4,000.00 for closing cost assistance.

The exact amount of your second trust loan will be determined after you have been approved for a first trust mortgage and you have contracted on a property. The HPAP loan will provide financing of the gap between the first trust mortgage you qualify for and the price of the property up to the maximum HPAP assistance

The provision of your second trust loan is contingent upon the availability of funds from the government of the District of Columbia.

2. Selecting Your Home:

This Notice of Eligibility DOES NOT IMPLY any mortgage loan approval or commitment to lend. Please work with your first trust lender on qualifying for a first trust mortgage loan amount and your home price affordability. The home purchase price you can afford will reflect the combination of the first trust loan and the HPAP second trust loan amounts.

ember the HPAP program limits the maximum first trust loan amount to \$484,350.

Under the HPAP program guidelines, the minimum you must contribute of your own funds as a down payment (including Earnest Money Deposit) on your home is:

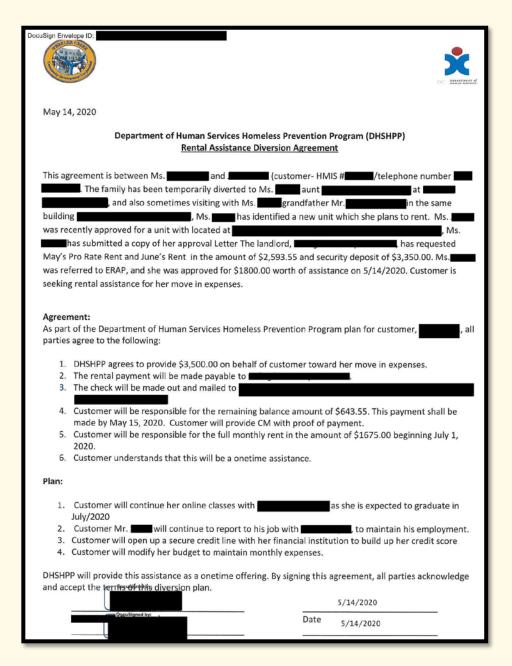






Department of Human Services Homeless Prevention Program (DHSHPP) Agreement

- This specific document is an approval for rental assistance for a residence in another jurisdiction; and
- The enrolling person would no longer be a DC resident.
- This document would be acceptable if it was for a DC residence.





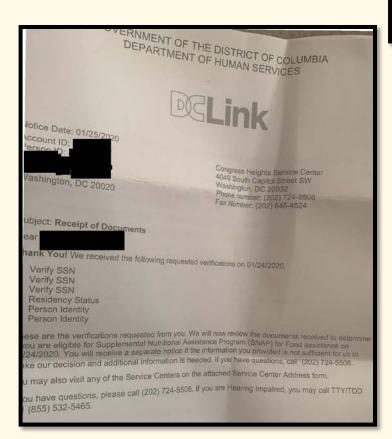


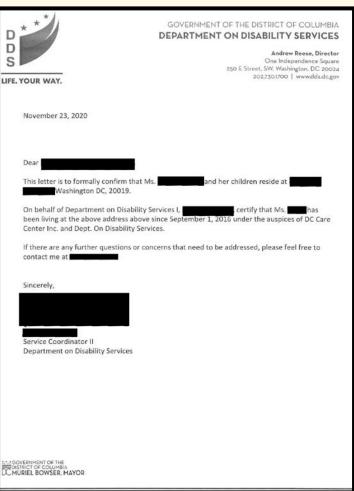


Department on Disability Services (DDS)

This letter is unacceptable because:

It does not provide proof of financial benefits provided by a DC Government agency or being received by the enrolling person.





DC Link Verification Request

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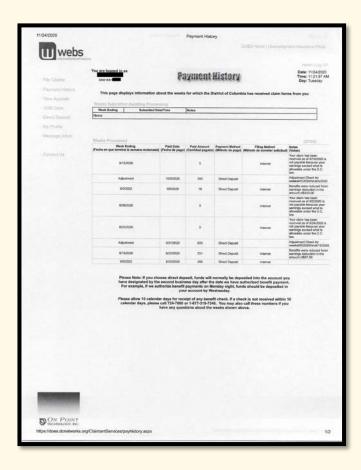
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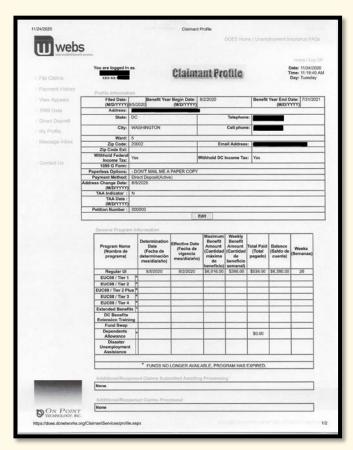
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Department of Employment Services (DOES) Claimant Profile

This two-page document is unacceptable because:

- It does not meet the specific requirements for Unemployment Insurance Benefits documents, as outlined in the OER Handbook:
 - The enrolling person must present their Monetary **Determination Letter**
 - The enrolling person must present a paystub dated 60 days preceding the mail date on the Monetary Determination Letter
 - The paystub must show DC withholding amount greater than zero for both the current tax year and





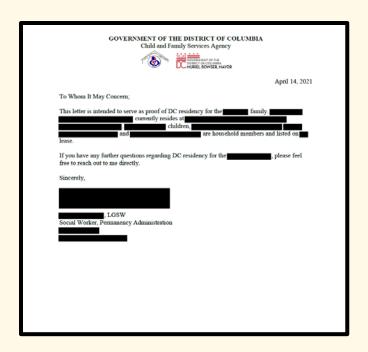


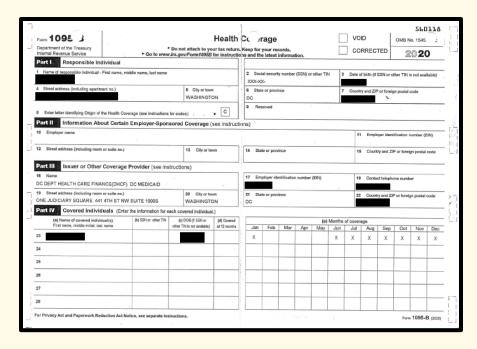
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Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) Letter

This letter is unacceptable because:

- It does not provide proof of financial benefits being received by the enrolling person.
- A letter from a DC government agency only stating the residential address is not acceptable.





1095-B Health Coverage

This letter is unacceptable because:

 It does not provide proof of current financial benefits being received by the enrolling person, only prior year.





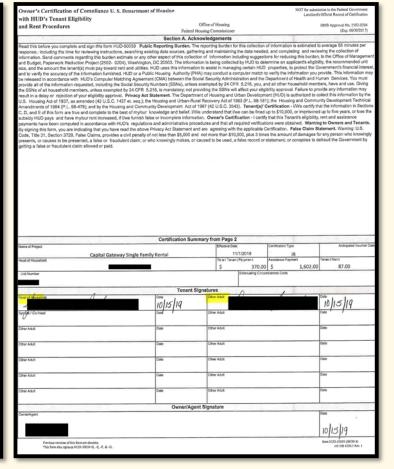
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Letter and Certification

This three-page packet is unacceptable because:

 This financial assistance is not distributed or facilitated through a DC Government agency.

Capitol Gateway Family 201 58 th Street NE Washington, DC 20019
October 15, 2019
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Washington, DC 20019
Dear
This is to notify you that on the basis of our recent review of your income and family composition your rent has been adjusted to $\underline{5}$ 87.00. The new rent is effective beginning $\underline{11/1/19}$.
This notification amends Paragraph 4 of your lease agreement, which sets forth the amount of rent you pay each month.
Please visit the site office to sign within 7 days of receipt to sign and receive a copy of the HUD 50059 (if you have not already done so). The HUD 50059 must be signed by the head of household, co-head, spouse and all other adult members of the Household. The copy of the HUD 50059 provides the information on your income that we used to calculate your new rent and the amount of rental assistance, if any, HUD pays monthly on your behalf.
You may call 202-396-4922 if you wish to arrange a meeting to discuss this change.
Thank you for your cooperation.
Sincerely,
Assistant Property Manager
Capitol Gateway Family LP does not discriminate on the basis of disability status in the admission to or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities.
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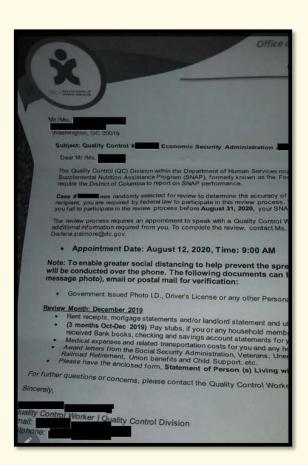
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DHS Quality Control Division

This letter is unacceptable because:

- It does not provide proof of financial benefits being received by the enrolling person.
- Essential information in the document is cut-off and current receipt of benefits can not be confirmed.



CORE DC Short-term Housing Letter

This letter is unacceptable because:

- It does not provide proof of financial benefits being received by the enrolling person.
- It is a housing support program but is not administer by a DC government agency.



DHCD Rent Adjustment for Rent Stabilized Properties

This letter is unacceptable because:

• It is not proof of a financial assistance program.

