

Carolina; Project-based Assistance Program. Laurinburg Housing Authority requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach PBA to units in Scottish Glen Apartments that exceed the 25 percent cap on the number of units in a building to which PBA can be attached for families receiving supportive services.

*Nature of Requirement:* Section II subpart F of the initial guidance requires that unless waived, no more than 25 percent of the dwelling units in any building may be assisted under a HAP contract for PBA except for dwelling units that are specifically made available for elderly families, disabled families, and families receiving supportive services.

*Granted by:* Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* July 16, 2002.

*Reason Waived:* Approval of the exception was granted because the families living in Scottish Glen Apartments will receive supportive services through participation in the LHA's Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Services will include: access and resources for health care; case management to coordinate and deliver services; educational opportunities through a variety of local colleges; financial management and homebuyer education; and an array of other programs and services provided by local community organizations.

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• *Regulation:* Section II subpart F of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA Project-Based Assistance (PBA) Program; Initial Guidance.

*Project/Activity:* Rochester Housing Authority (RHA), Rochester, New York; Project-Based Assistance Program. RHA requested an exception to the requirement that no more than 25 percent of the dwelling units in any building may be assisted under a HAP contract for PBA except for dwelling units that are specifically made available for elderly families, disabled families, and families receiving supportive services for two buildings owned by the YWCA.

*Nature of Requirement:* Section II subpart F of the initial guidance requires that no more than 25 percent of the dwelling units in any building may be assisted under a housing assistance payments (HAP) contract for PBA except for dwelling units that are specifically made available for elderly families, disabled families, and families receiving supportive services.

*Granted by:* Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* September 18, 2002.

*Reason Waived:* Approval of the exception for the number of units in a building that may be project-based was granted because the families living in the units owned by the YWCA will receive the following services: case management; alcohol and drug evaluation and treatment; mental health services; and linkages to YWCA employment services, financial empowerment workshops; and a nutrition outreach program and child care. These supportive services are consistent with the statute.

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• *Regulation:* Section II subpart E of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA Project-Based Assistance (PBA) Program; Initial Guidance.

*Project/Activity:* San Diego Housing Commission, San Diego, California; Project-based Assistance Program. The San Diego Housing Commission requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach PBA to Bandaar Salaam Apartments that is in a census tract with a poverty rate of 27 percent.

*Nature of Requirement:* Section II subpart E of the initial guidance requires that in order to meet the Department's goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities, the projects must be in census tracts with poverty rates of less than 20 percent.

*Granted by:* Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* August 5, 2002.

*Reason Waived:* Approval of the exception was granted since the project

was within the boundaries of one of San Diego's HUD-designated Enterprise Communities whose goals of creating jobs, housing, and new educational and healthcare opportunities are consistent with the goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities.

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• *Regulation:* Section II subpart E of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA Project-Based Assistance (PBA) Program; Initial Guidance.

*Project/Activity:* Rental Assistance Corporation, Buffalo, New York; Project-based Assistance Program. The Rental Assistance Corporation requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach PBA to Frederick Douglass Towers Phase II that is located in a census tract with a poverty rate of 49 percent.

*Nature of Requirement:* Section II subpart E of the initial guidance requires that in order to meet the Department's goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities, the projects must be in census tracts with poverty rates of less than 20 percent.

*Granted by:* Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* August 5, 2002.

*Reason Waived:* Approval of the exception was granted since the project was within the boundaries of a HUD-designated Enterprise Zone whose goals of creating jobs, housing, and new educational and healthcare opportunities are consistent with the goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities.

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