GUIDE ME: My landlord wants to raise the rent and I live in Section 8 or MRVP housing and I do not have a mobile voucher.

**Below is a list of options for you to read. Depending on your situation, one or more of these options may be of assistance.**

*If you have a subsidy that is fixed to the apartment, your rent is typically set based on your household income. So if your household income changes, and you have timely reported that change in income, you can expect a change in your rent.*

If you do not agree with the amount that your landlord has set the amount of your rent, you can request a meeting with your worker or property manager to review how they calculated your rent. You may find they have the amount of your household income wrong, and you can then ask them to redo the calculation.

If you did not timely report an increase in your income, your landlord can change your rent retroactively. If this is your situation, you should request a meeting to set-up a payment plan.

Some subsidized apartments have rents that are not tied to your income. In other words, you pay a fixed rent that is below market rent because the landlord has agreed to rent to persons who are low income. If you live in one of these types of subsidized apartments, the rent can only go-up when the landlord receives approval from a government agency. Your lease will explain when and how this can happen.

*The suggestions provided above are not legal advice and are provided as information only.*

*Whenever you have a legal problem, it is always best to talk to a lawyer who can give you advice that is uniquely tailored to your situation. The Massachusetts Legal Resource Finder can help you find lawyers and other legal help resources in your area.*