GUIDE ME: My landlord wants to raise the rent and I live in public housing.

**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 live in public housing, 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.*

**Option 1. If you do not agree with the amount your rent was raised:**

If you do not agree that the housing authority has set the amount of your rent correctly, 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.

**Option 2. If you did not timely report an increase of your income:**

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

*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.*