

## 8999 DEFINITIONS

8999.1 For purposes of Chapter 89, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed:

**Good cause** - is defined as an unavoidable conflict which seriously affects the health, safety or welfare of the family or applicant, including a verified illness or disability;

**Head of Household** - The person who serves as the basis for income eligibility and rent determination as well as assumes legal responsibility for the household.

**Applicant (Applicant Family)** - refers to a family that has applied for admission to a program but is not yet a participant in the program;

**Family** - A person or group of persons, as determined by the PHA, approved to reside in a unit with assistance under the program;

**Participant (Participant family)** - A family that has been admitted to the PHA program and is currently assisted in the program. The family becomes a participant on the effective date of the first HAP contract executed by the PHA for the family (first day of initial lease term);

**Housing Quality Standards (HQS)** - The HUD minimum quality standards for housing assisted under the tenant-based programs;

**Landlord** - Landlord and Owner are used interchangeably;

**Tenant** - the person or persons (other than a live-in aide) who executes the lease as lessee of the dwelling unit;

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