SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM Portability Information

WHAT IS PORTABILITY?

Portability is the ability of a family to move from one Housing Agency's jurisdiction to another location within the United States or its territories with continued rental assistance.

FACTS ABOUT PORTABILITY

If you had a legal residence in the Town of Union at the time of your full application for rental assistance, you may be able to exercise the portability feature of your Housing Choice Voucher during your participation in the Section 8 Program, subject to program regulations and the terms of your lease.

If your legal residence was not in the Town of Union at the time of your full application, you must move to the Town of Union and do not have the right to "port" for twelve months from the time of admission into the program; except when the Town of Union reaches an agreement with another Housing Agency in another jurisdiction that you may lease a unit in its jurisdiction under portability procedures.

If you choose to move within New York State, and the location you choose does not have a housing agency that operates a tenant-based assistance program, the Town of Union must continue to administer your assistance. If there is an agency in the location you choose which has a tenant-based program, that agency will administer your assistance.

If you wish to move outside of New York State there must be a Housing Agency with a tenant-based program to administer your assistance in order for you to "port" to that location.

If you have not yet leased a unit in the Town of Union before you "port", you must qualify under the income limits of the area that you are moving to, where you will first lease a unit under the program.

If you have an existing Promissory Note or Repayment Agreement with the Town of Union, any existing balance must be paid in full before you will be allowed to "port".

TO EXERCISE YOUR PORTABILITY OPTION

Please contact Mary Lou Fahs at 786-2989 if you want to move to any other location than the Town of Union. The Town of Union will assist you in completing a Request for Portability and provide you with important information.

I have read the above and understand that I may move under portability subject to federal regulations and Town of Union policy. I have received a copy of this form.

Date

Signature Date

Town of Union

Other Regional Housing Agencies Agency Name **Contact Number** Tioga Opportunities, Inc. 687-0707 753-9364 Cortland Housing Authority Ithaca Housing Authority 273-1244 **Opportunities For Chenango** 334-7114 315-735-5426 Utica Housing Authority Syracuse Housing Authority 315-475-6181 Tri County Housing Council 562-2477 Ilion Housing Authority 315-894-2159 Oneonta Housing Authority 432-0170 315-343-3795 Oswego County Housing Assistance Program 585-697-3600 Rochester Housing Authority

Family Request For Portability

I, _____, have requested that the Town of Union provide me with a Housing Choice Voucher to lease a unit outside the jurisdiction of the Town of Union.

By signing below, I hereby authorize the Town of Union to release information from my tenant file for the purposes of porting to a new location under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Signature by Head of Household

Date