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FAQ

FEMA RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR DHAP-IKE FAMILIES NOT UNDER A DISASTER RENT SUBSIDY CONTRACT (DRSC)

Does FEMA provide continued rental assistance for DHAP-Ike families not under a DRSC?

Yes. Under the Inter-Agency Agreement (IAA) between HUD and FEMA, families referred for DHAP-Ike assistance but not under a DRSC may be eligible for continued rental assistance from FEMA through May 1, 2009. However, continued rental assistance from FEMA is contingent on several factors including the following: (a) the family has not met their maximum amount of FEMA financial assistance of \$28,800, (b) the family has secured a rental housing unit and notified FEMA, and (c) the family has used the initial amount of rental assistance provided by FEMA for housing and has certified that they have a continued need.

If a family has reached their maximum amount of assistance from FEMA will FEMA still pay their rent until the DRSC is executed?

No. The applicant is not eligible to receive additional financial assistance from FEMA if the maximum amount of FEMA financial assistance (\$28,800) has already been provided to the applicant for housing and/or other disaster needs. Families that have received their maximum financial assistance from FEMA will not receive additional rental assistance from FEMA after referral to DHAP-Ike. Families that have reached their maximum amount of FEMA assistance are still eligible to receive rental assistance through DHAP-Ike. The family should work closely with their assigned PHA so that a DRSC may be executed on the family's behalf as soon as possible in order for DHAP-Ike assistance to commence. In these instances, the family may choose to use the financial assistance they received for repairing their home or rent

Families who are close to, or have received the maximum amount of FEMA financial assistance and are not yet under a DRSC, are encouraged to call FEMA at 800-621-FEMA (3362) for information on other programs or assistance that may be available to them.

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What should DHAP-Ike families do if they reside in a rental unit and have not received rental assistance payments from FEMA or need additional assistance?

Financial rental assistance from FEMA for temporary housing is provided for an initial period of two months. FEMA has contacted each family to validate that they used their initial funding for rental assistance and have located a rental unit for which they need continued assistance. A DHAP-Ike family that has received only the initial rental payment and needs additional assistance from FEMA to pay rent must contact FEMA to certify that they have exhausted their previous assistance, are in a rental unit, and need further assistance. FEMA will then continue to provide rental assistance for these families until the DRSC is executed and effective, up to the maximum of \$28,800. Additional assistance from FEMA is not available to families that have already received the maximum amount of FEMA assistance.

PHAs should instruct DHAP-Ike families to contact FEMA at 1-800-621-0642 or 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) to certify that they reside in a rental unit and need rental payments until the DRSC is effective, and to receive back payments for previous months, if needed and if eligible. It is the family's responsibility to certify with FEMA and secure these payments. Rental payments made by FEMA for DHAP-Ike families that reside in a rental unit but are not under a DRSC will end on May 1, 2009.

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