



**Gardner Housing Authority  
HCV Program (Section 8)**

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**GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION DUE TO THE FAMILY’S ACTION  
OR FAILURE TO ACT**

The Authority may at any time deny program assistance for an applicant, or terminate assistance for a participant, for any of the following grounds:

1. It the family violates any family obligation of the program (see Family Obligations form)
2. If any member of the family has ever been evicted from public housing
3. If any Public Housing Authority has ever terminated assistance under the certificate of voucher program for any member of the family.
4. If any member of the family commits drug-related criminal activity or violent criminal activity
5. If any member of the family commits fraud, bribery or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with the federal housing program.
6. If the family currently owes rent or other amount to the Authority or to any Authority in connection with Section 8 or public housing assistance under the 1937 Act
7. If the family has not reimbursed any Housing Authority for amounts paid to an owner under a HAP contract for rent, damages to the unit, or other amounts owed by the family under the lease.
8. If the family breaches an agreement with the Authority to pay amounts owed to any Authority, or amounts paid to an owner by an Authority.
9. If a family participating in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) fails to comply, without good cause, with the family’s FSS Contract or Participation.
10. If the family has engaged in threatened abusive or violent behavior toward Housing Authority personnel.

**INFORMAL HEARING PROCEDURES**

Participants are entitled to an informal hearing before the Authority terminates housing assistance payments for family under an outstanding HAP Contract. A hearing may be requested to consider whether the following Authority decisions relating to the individual circumstances of a participant family are in accordance with the law, HUD regulation and Authority policies:

- General policy issues or class grievances
- Establishment of the Authority schedule of utility allowance for families in the Section 8 Program
- An Authority determination not to approve an extension or suspension of a voucher

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**HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SPOUSE/CO-HEAD/OTHER ADULT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**OTHER ADULT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**OTHER ADULT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gardner Housing Representative

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Date

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This is an important document, please contact the **Gardner Housing Authority at 978-632-6634** for language assistance. You have the right to an interpreter free of charge.

If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities or encounter a barrier that prevents you from full participation and you require a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize our programs and services, please let us know.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) assists the GHA in providing rights under the Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”) to its applicant and participant households. Family members wishing to claim protection under VAWA must notify the GHA within 14 business days.  
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