



SIDE PAYMENTS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority has a zero tolerance for side payments and will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law. Please be advised that recent cases regarding side payments have been exposed. Whether the side payment is exacted out of greed or to alleviate cash flow problems, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has made it clear to the Housing Choice Voucher Program and its participants that it will not allow such activities to continue. Side payments are actionable offenses against the Federal False Claims Act. Under this Act, persons who have submitted to HUD or a HUD intermediary, such as the HCV Program and HAP Contract, claims that are false, fictitious or fraudulent are liable for an assessment equal to three times the amount of the claim, plus a penalty of between \$5,500 and \$11,000 per claim. Further, demanding side payments violates the HAP contract, and may lead to the termination of each of a landlord's HAP contracts and the landlord's disqualification from the HCV program. The consequences for HAP Participants who engage in side payments are also dire. They risk the loss of their subsidy.

LANDLORD/OWNER/AGENT and TENANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand the consequences of SIDE PAYMENTS:

Signature of Landlord/Owner/Agent

Date

Print Name of Landlord/Owner/Agent

Signature of Head of Household

Date

Print Name of Head of Household