

Community Housing Directive

OCC 2019-01 Absence from Unit

Date of Directive: February 2019
Replaces Directive: No. 009 (revised)
Effective Date: Immediate
 Until further notice
 To be updated annually
Legislation: Housing Services Act, (HSA) 2011, s.47-49
Regulation: Ontario Regulation 367/11 s.47-49
Applies to: HSA Providers (including Special Needs Providers)
 Non-HSA Providers
 HAP and Managers of other Community Housing Wait Lists

Implementation

A household may cease to be eligible for Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) assistance if all the members of the household are absent from the unit for which the household receives rent-geared-to-income assistance for more than 60 consecutive days **or** a total of 90 days in a calendar year.

A member of the household who is absent for medical reasons is deemed to not be absent. This includes treatment, caregiving or therapy for the tenant, member or their family or close relations.

Verification

Enforcement of this Community Housing Directive must be accompanied by documentation confirming proof of absence.

Extenuating Circumstances

Extenuating circumstances to this directive may be taken into consideration at the discretion of the Housing Provider. Homelessness prevention and people-centred service are to be taken into account in decision-making.

Right to Review

Households who are deemed ineligible for RGI assistance as a result of the enforcement of this Community Housing Directive have the right to review the decision through the Peterborough Review Committee.

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From time to time, the Service Manager issues directives to communicate policy directions and updates to Community Housing Providers in its jurisdiction.

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