

FAQ: Removal of the SAFMR Hold Harmless Policy

1. What policy is changing?

The Housing Authority of DeKalb County (HADDC) is removing the Small Area Fair Market Rent (SAFMR) Hold Harmless Policy from its Administrative Plan.

2. When does this change take effect?

The policy removal becomes effective **January 1, 2028**.

3. How will this change affect my rent calculation?

Rent calculations will no longer include the protections provided by the SAFMR Hold Harmless provision. Your rent will instead be calculated strictly according to current HUD regulations and HADC's policy at the time of your reexamination.

4. Will this change my rent right now?

No. Any changes related to this policy update will begin **at your next annual reexamination on or after January 1, 2028**.

5. Will my income and deductions still be reviewed the same way?

Yes. Your income, deductions, and allowable expenses will continue to be reviewed according to HUD guidelines.

6. Do I need to do anything right now?

No immediate action is required unless you have a change that must be reported to HADC.

7. Why is this policy being removed?

HADC is updating its Administrative Plan to ensure compliance with current HUD regulations and program requirements and to ensure that housing assistance is targeted more accurately to families with the lowest incomes and greatest need, based on current, market-reflective income data.