## LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## SUBSIDY STANDARDS AND REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

**SUBSIDY STANDARDS** are how the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) determines the bedroom size on your voucher.

They are based on the number of people in the assisted household. The subsidy standards are two persons per bedroom, regardless of age or gender.

Number of	Number of
Household Members	Bedrooms
1-2	1-bedroom
3-4	2-bedroom
5-6	3-bedroom
7-8	4-bedroom
9-10	5-bedroom
11-12	6-bedroom

You are free to live within a suitably sized unit in any grouping that is acceptable to your family.

In determining your subsidy standards, the LACDA counts every household member, including *approved* live-in attendants and children who are temporarily away from home due to placement in foster care.

<u>Note</u>: Subsidy standards determine the bedroom size on the *voucher*. You have the flexibility to choose a different size unit, as long as (1) the rent is affordable for your household, (2) the LACDA determines that the rent is comparable to other units of the same size, and (3) you will not be overcrowded in the unit.

## REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS

The LACDA may permit a waiver that is based on the health or disability of the family member(s). To request a waiver, you must submit a signed letter that states:

- (1) The issued voucher bedroom size;
- (2) The requested voucher bedroom size: and
- (3) The reason(s) for the request.

Requests based on disability or health-related reasons must be verified, in writing, by a doctor or other medical professional. The medical professional's written statement must specify the reason for the request and how providing an extra bedroom would improve or accommodate the disability or medical condition.

If the request is made for any other reason, any supporting documentation must be included with the request.

Families requesting a waiver will be notified of the outcome of their request in writing.