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C. Emergency Housing under EA (Continued)

- Rent liability for permanent housing applies during the entire 90-day period. Amounts paid by the applicant for expenses which resulted from the emergency (cost of storage, moving expenses, security deposit, utility deposits, etc.) may be deducted from the applicant's liability for the rent. When less than a calendar month's rent is paid for permanent housing, the applicant's liability shall be adjusted accordingly. For example, if the payment due is for 15 days out of a 30-day month, the applicant's liability will be reduced by one half.

- 3. For those families in or eligible for temporary housing as of the date of application, EA payment for permanent housing may be made through the 30 days of the eligibility period and, with pre-authorization, for up to 60 days beyond the window of eligibility. Pre-authorized housing payments are limited to 60 percent of the ANFC payment standard for a comparable household or 60 percent of the household's income as determined for EA eligibility, whichever is greater, unless supervisory approval is documented. Payment is reduced by the applicant "liability" which is that portion of the ANFC payment standard designated for housing adjusted either up or down by the amount by which the applicant's eligibility income exceeds or is less than the ANFC payment standard.

For example:

- Donald and Nancy Deagan and 3 children have been forced to leave their house after a fire on Sunday, 6/7. They apply for assistance on Monday, 6/8. The Intake worker determines that they are eligible for EA; and authorizes five days of temporary housing at a local motel for \$30 per day after exhausting other less expensive possibilities. The worker advises the Deagans that they must search for permanent housing, and completes the DSW 224EA Pre-authorization form at this time.

- The worker advises applicants that housing assistance may be available during the next 90 days.

- During the week, the Deagans locate an apartment, and can move in on 6/13. The IMS may pay 6/13 to 6/30 rent, as well as July rent on 7/1, the security deposit, and other costs as needed during the 30 days, from 6/8 through 7/7, minus the Deagans' housing cost liability, of course.

- On 8/1/87 the Deagans owe August rent. The IMS may pay a portion of this from EA funds, provided that the Deagans reapply, have income less than 150 percent of the ANFC payment standard, and do not have resources in excess of the current month's income.

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Example (continued)

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Date of Application

End of 28 days of
Temporary Housing

End of 30 day window
of eligibility. Pre-
authorization must be
done before this date.

End of the 60 day
period for which
payment may be
authorized.

- Policy requires that the portion of the ANFC grant which is budgeted for housing, or an equivalent amount adjusted according to income, be spent by the applicant for permanent housing.
(WAM 2813.2C)

The pre-authorized rent payment can pay the difference between the actual amount of the rent and the amount for which the applicants must be liable according to this formula.

- Let's suppose that the Deagans were granted ANFC effective 6/7 on 7/5. When they come in on 8/1/87 the amount of EA payment for August's rent would be the actual cost of housing less that portion of August's ANFC benefit which was intended for housing.

If their actual rent, outside Chittenden County, were \$340 and the housing maximum were \$235, ratably reduced by 67.9 percent:

$\$235 \times .679 = \159.65 (rounded to the nearest dollar = \$160). This is the amount of the ANFC grant which is

designated for rent.

The Deagans' actual EA eligibility for August rent would be \$180.

\$340 (actual rent) - \$160 (included in ANFC grant) = \$180.00

Note that "emergency need" has a different meaning when the applicants apply for the pre-authorized rent payment, than it has at the time of the initial application for EA

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- The emergency need requirement for payment of the pre-authorized rent is met if:
 - 1) The applicants' monthly countable income does not exceed 150 percent of the ANFC payment standard;
AND
 - 2) The applicants were eligible for, or in, temporary housing at the time the payment was pre-authorized; AND
 - 3) They do not have resources available to pay the full rent due (not counting the current month's income.)

Once eligibility for housing costs is determined, the amount which EA can pay is calculated as follows:

If the applicants have income less than the ANFC payment standard the amount of rent expense which they must be responsible for is decreased by the difference between the ANFC payment standard and the household's income.

For Example: The Johnsons, a family of three, apply for assistance on 7/2 and are found eligible for, and placed in, temporary housing. The IMS completes the DSW 224 EA pre-authorizing payment for permanent housing. They are determined ineligible for ANFC because of lack of work quarters.

The Johnsons locate an apartment for \$220 per month on 7/17. Since they have had no income up to this point, other than EA, their rent liability is zero.

On 8/1 the Johnsons reapply to have their August rent paid. Mr. Johnson has earned \$288.00 in the previous 30 days. They meet the "emergency need" criteria since they were pre-authorized, have income below 150 percent of the ANFC payment level, and have no resources.

- 1) To determine income eligibility:

Basic needs:	\$589
Shelter:	<u>\$220</u>
	\$809

\$809 X .679 = \$549 ANFC Payment St.

\$549 X 150% = \$823.50 Income eligibility maximum
during pre-authorization period

To determine countable income:

\$288.00	Mr. Johnson's earnings
<u>-\$75.00</u>	Standard employment expense
\$213.00	Countable income.

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- 2) Since the Johnson family's countable income is less than 150 percent of the ANFC payment standard, the family is eligible for payment.
- 3) To determine the amount of payment, subtract the amount of their ANFC ratably reduced shelter allowance from the actual rent.

\$220 actual rent
-\$149 (\$220 X .679) Equivalent to ANFC grant for rent.
Use the
\$ 71 actual rent up to the maximums.

- 4) Since the Johnsons have income below the ANFC payment standard, this potential rent liability is adjusted downward by the difference between the household's income and the ANFC payment standard.

\$549 ANFC payment standard
-213 Mr. Johnson's countable earnings.
\$336 Since the amount of the difference is greater than the potential applicants' rent liability (\$71) the full rent may be paid from EA funds.

If the applicants' income is greater than the ANFC payment standard, the applicants' potential rent liability is adjusted upward by the difference between their income and the applicable ANFC payment standard.

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For example:

The Smiths, a family of three, have \$620.00 in UI income in the 30 days prior to their application for rent that was pre-authorized. Their rent is \$335 and they live outside Chittenden County.

The ANFC payment standard for the Smiths is:

Basic Needs:	\$589	
Shelter (Maximum)	<u>+235</u>	
Ratable reduction	824 X .679 = \$559	ANFC Payment Standard

The Smiths must be responsible for:

\$235 X .679 = \$160 portion of their income which would be included in an ANFC grant for rent

and the difference between the ANFC payment standard and their income.

\$620
-\$559
\$ 61 Smiths' additional liability for rent.

\$160 + \$61 = \$221

To calculate the EA payment for the Smiths' rent:

\$335 total rent (actual)
\$221 subtract the Smiths' liability
\$114 EA rent payment