

Sample Domestic Partnership Declaration for HOPWA Assistance

Domestic partners known to identify as such in the community and other aspects of their lives will be considered a family household and treated as such for eligibility purposes for HOPWA and other HUD housing assistance.

I _____, do hereby declare _____ to be my domestic partner. As such, I am declaring him/her as part of my family for the purposes of receiving HOPWA housing assistance. I understand that program eligibility will be based on the total of our combined gross income, as a family household, as required by HOPWA regulations.

I also understand that if at sometime in the future our family breaks up, the criteria below will be used to determine who will be eligible to retain the HOPWA-funded housing.

In circumstances of a family break-up, _____ agency will make a determination of which family member will retain the housing assistance. To make this determination, we will consider the following factors:

1. To whom the assistance was issued as head of household.
2. Remaining members of the household who are HIV+.
3. The interest of minor children or of ill, elderly, or disabled family members.
4. Whether any family members were forced to leave the unit as a result of actual or threatened physical violence by a spouse or other member(s) of the household.
5. If a court determines the disposition of property between members of the assisted family in a divorce or separation under a settlement of judicial decree, _____ agency will be bound by the court's determination of which family members continue to receive assistance in the program.
6. Because of the number of possible different circumstances in which a determination will have to be made, _____ agency will make determinations on a case-by-case basis.

By signing below, I am certifying that the information above is true and correct. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to report any and all changes in the composition of my household within **ten** days of the change. I understand that intentionally misrepresenting income family composition is grounds for denial or termination of housing assistance and that false statements or information are punishable under Law (Federal and State).

Head of Household

Date

Domestic Partner

Date