



# Guide to Porting Your Housing Choice Voucher

Porting your Housing Choice Voucher allows for greater choice and is a benefit of the Housing Choice Voucher program (HCV). It allows you to move to a different part of the country, closer to family, better job or educational opportunities, etc. You get to decide where you wish to port to, and which Housing Authority you want to administer your voucher assistance.

There are also some requirements to being able to port your voucher outside of Boulder Housing Partners:



**Good standing:** You must be in good standing with your current landlord, and not owe any money or have any lease compliance issues. This includes providing notice to move according to the terms of your lease.



**Porting takes time!** Please plan accordingly. BHP must send your paperwork to the Housing Authority where you wish to port. That Housing Authority's timing and policies may differ from ours, it may take them longer than you expect.



**Qualify:** You must qualify for housing assistance in the jurisdiction to which you port. Please know the rents and payment standards for the area you wish to port to and compare them to your current income and rent portion. The receiving Housing Authority may conduct a background check to determine if you are eligible to be issued a voucher there.



**Expenses for porting:** Because of the time it takes, please make sure you have money for living expenses during the move, security deposit for the new unit, and moving costs.



**Voucher size and amount and rent calculation:** The size of your voucher (referred to as subsidy standards) and how much your voucher is worth (payment standard) may be different based on their policies. The portion of rent you pay may be calculated differently from how BHP does it.



**No double subsidy:** Assistance cannot be paid for in two units or in two places.



**Finding a unit:** The rental market where you are going may be very tight and have fewer vacant units.



**Voucher expirations:** Your voucher has an expiration date, and it may not be able to be extended. Please allow yourself time to find a suitable unit and have the inspection done on time.



**Receiving Housing Authority:** The policies may be different from ours, however, their policies will be the ones that govern your voucher moving forward. Please check with them for any questions around policies and procedures.

