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More Money in the Pockets of Some Public Housing and Disabled Tenants

On October 1, 1999, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) started an Earned Income Disallowance (EID) program for residents of public housing. Some people with disabilities who have Section 8 rental assistance vouchers are also eligible. Disabled people who get rental assistance through the HOME, HOPWA, or Supportive Housing programs are also eligible for the EID.

The program is **mandatory**. Public housing authorities must provide it to people who are eligible. It is a lot like another EID program that helped some public housing tenants in the early 1990s. That program kept many working people from having to pay rent increases for months or even years. The EID can do the same thing for public housing residents and some disabled people who have just gone back to work, or who were working part-time and are now working full-time. It can mean they will be able to keep hundreds or thousands of dollars that they have earned, instead of paying rent increases to the housing authority or landlord. It may even keep some people from being evicted.

Adults who live in public housing and the disabled people described in the first paragraph of this article are eligible for the EID if they also fall into *any one* of these three groups: