

Income Determines your Voucher Rental Co-Pay

Depending on your gross income your voucher will typically cover 75% of your rent.

Example:

\$2000 3 Bedroom voucher Sec 8 pays landlord \$1500 and your rental co-pay is \$500

This 25% co-pay or "*Family Rent to Owner*" is your responsibility. If your rental co-pay is 30% or more you are known on the streets as a "Working Section 8" tenant.

If you do not pay this predetermined "share of the rent" and provide proof to your caseworker that you paid it, you can be dropped from the section 8 program.

For this reason, you should always get a signed receipt from landlord for any and all rental payments.

The Co-Pay for your rental voucher is directly tied to your income and can fluctuate depending on your financial circumstances. If you lose your job the 75% subsidy can increase to 100% and conversely if you get a higher paying job the 75% subsidy can be diminished and you will have to contribute more than 25%. This is a concept known as **Hustling Backwards**.