

Can I pay extra to get a nicer unit?

"Affordable rent" is defined as 30% of the voucher's holder's adjusted monthly income. However, a family may pay up to 40% of adjusted monthly income as the initial contract. Thereafter, there is no limit on what the family can pay, provided it is approved in advance, in writing by the Housing Authority. When considering paying more than 30% of income for rent, we strongly caution families to consider all of their living expenses (rent, gas and electricity, home and cell telephones, groceries, car notes and insurance, etc.) when deciding how much "extra rent" they can afford to pay each month.