

How are utilities handled if the property has a single meter for gas, electric or water service?

An assisted family can only be responsible for utility consumption he/she controls. So, if the unit leased does not have its own meter for service, the landlord must:

1. Agree to pay for service; or
2. Reach an agreement with the tenant for a reasonable pro-ration of the utility expense. For example, in a 4-unit building with all 2-bedroom units the owner could distribute the cost equally to the four residents. The Housing Authority reserves the right to deny the proration if it is not equitable, any agreement reached by the two parties and approved by the Housing Authority must be on file with the BHA.