

Can my landlord deny my request to add someone to my lease?

Yes. Every assisted tenancy is subject to a lease between the owner and the tenant. The lease specifies the individuals who are allowed to live in the unit. The owner may not discriminate against anyone in a protected class, but he/she does have a right not to allow additional people to live in the unit who were not on the initial lease. If the owner denies the request to modify the lease to add a person who has been added to the Section 8 assistance, the Housing Authority will issue the family a transfer voucher so that it can move to a unit with the new household member.