

NOTICE

TO ALL APPLICANTS:

The HUD Regulations establish administrative procedures for imposing civil penalties and assessments against person(s) who file false claims or statements while applying for housing benefits. This regulation, which implements the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, applies to all applicants for Indian Housing Programs, as well as tenants and homebuyers.

The Program Fraud Remedies Regulations apply to any person(s) who misrepresents or omits information from applications for housing, income verification(s), re-examination(s) of information, family composition, age(s) of family member(s), etc. HUD Inspector General may investigate and the applicant(s) may be subject to the following penalties:

1. Up to \$5,000.00 for filing such a claim; or
2. Up to \$5,000.00 plus up to ***twice*** the amount of benefits which were fraudulently received; and
3. In any case, whether or not benefits were actually received by the individual family, any other remedy which may be prescribed by law will still apply. (This means that the fines do not preclude criminal charges or legal actions against the person(s) committing the fraud.)

Some of the areas where such fraud may occur:

- *Families reporting less than all sources of income, (e.g., only reporting husband's income when both spouses are working; or not reporting all or part of part-time income or other seasonal income.)*
- *Families listing more dependents than are eligible or who live in the household.*
- *Families misrepresenting age to either get benefits for "elderly" or claim children as dependents after they reach age 18.*
- *Families not reporting all assets, such as bank accounts, real estate/homes owned (other than Trust Land, which is not as asset for this program.)*

All household members age 18 or older or Emancipated Minor sign below:

Head of Household Signature: _____ Date: _____

Other Adult Signature: _____ Date: _____

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