

with regulations established by the Secretary) that there are an insufficient number of such families to fill all the units in the project for which the preference is applicable, the owner shall make such units generally available for occupancy by families who have applied, and are eligible, for occupancy in the housing, without regard to the preferences established pursuant to this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title VI, § 654, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3824.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Covered section 8 housing, referred to in text, is defined in section 13619 of this title.

### § 13615. Preference within groups

Among disabled families qualifying for occupancy in units reserved under section 13612 of this title, and among elderly families and near-elderly families qualifying for preference for occupancy pursuant to section 13611 or 13613 of this title, preference for occupancy in units that are assisted under section 1437f of this title shall be given to disabled families according to any preferences established under any system established under section 1437f(d)(1)(A) of this title by the public housing agency.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title VI, § 655, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3824; Pub. L. 104-99, title IV, § 402(d)(6)(C), Jan. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 43; Pub. L. 105-276, title V, § 514(b)(2)(B), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2548.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-276 substituted “shall be given to disabled families according to any preferences established under any system established under section 1437f(d)(1)(A) of this title by the public housing agency.” for “shall be given to disabled families according to the preferences for occupancy referred to in section 1437f(d)(1)(A)(i) of this title and the first sentence of section 1437f(o)(3)(B) of this title, to elderly families according to such preferences, and to near-elderly families according to such preferences, respectively.”

1996—Pub. L. 104-99, § 402(d)(6)(C), (f), temporarily substituted “any preferences” for “the preferences for occupancy referred to in section 1437f(d)(1)(A)(i) of this title and the first sentence of section 1437f(o)(3)(B) of this title, to elderly families according to such preferences, and to near-elderly families according to such preferences, respectively”. See Effective and Termination Dates of 1996 Amendment note below.

#### EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-99 effective Jan. 26, 1996, only for fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998, and to cease to be effective Oct. 21, 1998, see section 402(f) of Pub. L. 104-99, as amended, and section 514(f) of Pub. L. 105-276, set out as notes under section 1437a of this title.

### § 13616. Prohibition of evictions

Any tenant who, except for reservation of a percentage of the units of a project pursuant to section 13612 of this title or any preference for occupancy established pursuant to this subchapter, is lawfully residing in a dwelling unit in a covered section 8 housing project, may not be evicted or otherwise required to vacate such unit because of the reservation or preferences or because of any action taken by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the owner of the project pursuant to this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title VI, § 656, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3824.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Covered section 8 housing, referred to in text, is defined in section 13619 of this title.

### § 13617. Treatment of covered section 8 housing not subject to elderly preference

If an owner of any covered section 8 housing project designed primarily for occupancy by elderly families does not give preference in occupancy to elderly families as authorized in this subchapter, then elderly families (as such term was defined in section 1437a of this title before October 28, 1992) shall be eligible for occupancy in such housing to the same extent that such families were eligible before October 28, 1992.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title VI, § 657, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3825.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Covered section 8 housing, referred to in text, is defined in section 13619 of this title.

### § 13618. Treatment of other federally assisted housing

#### (a) Restricted occupancy

An owner of any federally assisted project (or portion of a project) as described in subparagraphs (D), (E), and (F) of section 13641(2) of this title that was designed for occupancy by elderly families may continue to restrict occupancy in such project (or portion) to elderly families in accordance with the rules, standards, and agreements governing occupancy in such housing in effect at the time of the development of the housing.

#### (b) Prohibition of evictions

Any tenant who is lawfully residing in a dwelling unit in a housing project described in subsection (a) of this section may not be evicted or otherwise required to vacate such unit because of any reservation or preferences under this subchapter or because of any action taken by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the owner of the project pursuant to this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title VI, § 658, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3825.)

### § 13619. “Covered section 8 housing” defined

For purposes of this subchapter, the term “covered section 8 housing” means housing described in section 13641(2)(G) of this title that was originally designed for occupancy by elderly families.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title VI, § 659, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3825.)

### § 13620. Study

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall conduct a study to determine the extent to which Federal housing programs serve elderly families, disabled families, and families with children, in relation to the need of such families who are eligible for assistance under such programs. The Secretary shall submit a re-