Sample Domestic Partnership Declaration for HOPWA Assistance

Domestic partners known to identify as such in the community and other aspects of their lives will be considered a family household and treated as such for eligibility purposes for HOPWA and other HUD housing assistance.

I _____, do hereby declare _____ to be my domestic partner. As such, I am declaring him/her as part of my family for the purposes of receiving HOPWA housing assistance. I understand that program eligibility will be based on the total of our combined gross income, as a family household, as required by HOPWA regulations.

I also understand that if at sometime in the future our family breaks up, the criteria below will be used to determine who will be eligible to retain the HOPWA-funded housing.

In circumstances of a family break-up, _____ agency will make a determination of which family member will retain the housing assistance. To make this determination, we will consider the following factors:

1. To whom the assistance was issued as head of household.

2. Remaining members of the household who are HIV+.

3. The interest of minor children or of ill, elderly, or disabled family members.

4. Whether any family members were forced to leave the unit as a result of actual or threatened physical violence by a spouse or other member(s) of the household.

5. If a court determines the disposition of property between members of the assisted family in a divorce or separation under a settlement of judicial decree, _____agency will be bound by the court's determination of which family members continue to receive assistance in the program.

6. Because of the number of possible different circumstances in which a determination will have to be made, _____agency will make determinations on a case-by-case basis.

By signing below, I am certifying that the information above is true and correct. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to report any and all changes in the composition of my household within **ten** days of the change. I understand that intentionally misrepresenting income family composition is grounds for denial or termination of housing assistance and that false statements or information are punishable under Law (Federal and State).

_____ _____

Head of Household Date

_____ _____

Domestic Partner Date