

**FAIRFAX COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY (FCRHA)  
DEFINITION OF “SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION” AND “SIGNIFICANT  
AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION”**

In accordance with PIH Notice 99-51 (HA) issued December 14, 1999, PHAs must define “substantial deviation” of Annual Plans from the 5-Year Plan and “significant amendment or modification” of the Annual Plan. The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires that PHAs explain “substantial deviation” from the 5-Year Plan in their Annual Plans. The Act also provides that, while PHAs may change or modify their plans or policies described in them, any “significant amendment or modification” to the plan would require PHAs to submit a revised PHA plan that has met full public process requirements.

The FCRHA’s definition of “substantial deviation” of Annual Plans from the 5-Year Plan and “significant amendment or modification” of the Annual Plan will consider the following to be significant amendments or modifications:

- Changes to rent or admissions policies or organization of the waiting list.
- Additions of non-emergency work items when dollar amount exceeds 10 percent of the Capital Fund Budget or the amount of replacement reserve funds that exceed 10 percent of the annual Capital Fund Budget.
- Any change with regard to demolition or disposition, designation, homeownership programs, or conversion activities.