

XIX. ABSENCE FROM UNIT

A. TIME LIMITS

1. The family may be absent from the unit for brief periods. Generally, the family may not be absent from the unit for a period of more than sixty (60) consecutive calendar days.
2. Generally, the housing assistance payments terminate if the family is absent for longer than sixty (60) days. The term of the HAP contract and assisted lease also terminate.
3. The Executive Director may approve an absence of up to 180 consecutive calendar days for extraordinary reasons, such as military leave.
4. Absence means that no member of the family is residing in the unit.
5. The owner/landlord must reimburse the CDC for any housing assistance payments for the period after termination.

B. VERIFICATIONS

1. The family must supply any information or certification requested to verify that the family is residing in the unit.
2. The family must promptly notify the CDC of absence from the unit, including any information requested on the purpose of family absences.
3. The CDC may adopt appropriate techniques to verify family occupancy or absence, including letters to the family at the unit, phone calls, visits or questions to the landlord or neighbors.