Chapter 18

VETERANS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

INTRODUCTION

The DMMHA administers the Veteran’s Administrative Supportive Housing (VASH) Program which is a special housing program. All Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program policies apply to the VASH Program with the exceptions that are noted in this Chapter.

The VASH Program is a partnership between the DMMHA and the Veteran’s Administration Medical Center (VAMC) to provide rental assistance for homeless veterans. The DMMHA will administer the VASH program in accordance with federal regulations, as amended.

Part I: Referrals and Screening Process: This part describes how VASH applicants are referred to the DMMHA and the screening that is completed when a referral is received.

Part II: Voucher Issuance and Lease Term: This part describes the voucher issuance and lease terms under the VASH Program.

Part III: Successful Completion of VAMC Case Management: This part describes what occurs upon the VASH participant’s successful completion of the VAMC Case Management.
PART I: REFERRALS AND SCREENING

18-I.A. REFERRALS

Applicants for the VASH Program are referrals from the VAMC and will not be placed on the random lottery waiting list.

The DMMHA will maintain the waiting list of VASH referrals.

18-I.B. SCREENING

The VAMC submits the referral to the DMMHA and the DMMHA screens the referral through the National Sex Offender Lifetime Registry. No other screening is completed on VASH referrals.

PART II: VOUCHER ISSUANCE AND LEASE TERM

18-II.A. VOUCHER ISSUANCE

The DMMHA will issue the VASH applicant a Housing Choice Voucher with an initial voucher term of 120 days. If an extension is requested, the DMMHA will follow the voucher extension policies for regular Housing Choice Voucher holders as stated in this Policy (see Chapter 5).

18-II.B. LEASE TERM

The DMMHA will allow for shorter lease terms (6 months) upon request of the VASH participant.

PART III: SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF VAMC CASE MANAGEMENT

18-III.A. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF VAMC CASE MANAGEMENT

In the event that the VAMC case management staff determines that a VASH participant no longer requires case management, the VASH participant can remain on the VASH voucher as long as they remain otherwise eligible to participate in the VASH program. The DMMHA will not offer the family continued Housing Choice Voucher assistance through one of its regular vouchers.

The DMMHA will encourage VASH participants to apply for the Housing Choice Voucher program when the waiting list is open.