*** § 607. Eligibility.** The commissioner shall promulgate standards for determining eligibility for assistance under this pilot program. Individuals and families who meet the standards shall be eligible regardless of immigration status. Eligibility shall be limited to individuals and families who are homeless or facing imminent loss of housing. Housing access voucher local administrators may rely on a certification from a social services provider serving homeless individuals, including, but not limited to, homeless shelters to determine whether an applicant qualifies as a homeless individual or family.

1. An individual or family shall be eligible for this pilot program if they are homeless or facing imminent loss of housing and have an income of no more than fifty percent of the area median income, as defined by the United States department of housing and urban development.

2. An individual or family in receipt of rental assistance pursuant to this pilot program shall be no longer financially eligible for such assistance under this pilot program when thirty percent of the individual's or family's adjusted income is greater than or equal to the total rent for the dwelling unit.

3. When an individual or family becomes financially ineligible for rental assistance under this pilot program pursuant to subdivision two of this section, the individual or family shall retain rental assistance for a period no shorter than one year, subject to appropriation of funds for this purpose.

4. Income eligibility shall be verified prior to a housing access voucher local administrator's initial determination to provide rental assistance for this pilot program and upon determination of such eligibility, an individual or family shall annually certify their income for the purpose of determining continued eligibility and any adjustments to such rental assistance.

5. The commissioner may collaborate with the office of temporary and disability assistance and other state and city agencies to allow a

housing access voucher local administrator to access income information for the purpose of determining an individual's or family's initial and continued eligibility for the pilot program.

6. Reviews of income shall be made no less frequently than annually.

* NB Expires May 1, 2030