



ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

SUBJECT:	Pursuit of Income	POLICY/PROCEDURE #: C-34
SECTION:	C - Administration	
IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	June 2012	APPROVED BY: Board of Directors
REVISION DATE(S):		SIGNATURE:
REASON FOR CHANGE:	Implementation of Housing Services Act (effective January 1, 2012)	<i>Original Signed by Lora Beckwith, General Manager</i>
RELEVANT LEGISLATION:	Housing Services Act, 2011, O. Reg 367/11, section 31	

PURPOSE

To inform all Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) staff and housing providers of the mandatory requirements, local rules and requirements related to the new Housing Services Act (HSA) and associated regulations related to household pursuit of income.

BACKGROUND

The HSA gives Service Managers the option to develop a local rule related to the pursuit of income by households in receipt of Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) subsidy. If a local rule is established, the HSA stipulates that households are no longer required to pursue any pension or other benefit (i.e., CPP) other than Old Age Security (OAS), Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) and Guaranteed Annual Income (GAINS) from the Provincial/Federal Governments.

POLICY

NRH requires households receiving RGI subsidy to pursue all income they are entitled to, including:

- Ontario Works
- Employment Insurance
- Support
- Sponsorship Payments
- OAS/GIS/GAINS

The policy allows for extenuating circumstances.

SUPPORTING FORMS - n/a