



Niagara Regional Housing

# Notice

No: 14-11

**APPLICABLE TO:**

**DATE: October 15, 2014**

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**SUBJECT: *Housing Services Act – Local Priority Groups***

**BACKGROUND**

The *Housing Services Act 2011 (HSA)* provides service managers with mandatory rules as well as areas of flexibility for the development of new and/or revised local rules. This Notice details the local rule respecting local priority groups for the centralized waiting list.

**REPORT**

NRH has established the following local priority groups:

1. Special Priority Placement (SPP) (mandated)
2. Overhoused
3. Urgent:
  - a. Mobility Barrier
  - b. Extreme Hardship
4. Homeless (1 in every 10 vacancies)

The attached policy provides details on the priority groups and process.

**Effective Date:** November 2014

**Effective Date for Overhoused:** April 2015

**Housing Provider’s Role**

Housing providers are required to:

1. Review the attached local priority groups;
2. Ensure the board of directors review the revised local priority groups; and,
3. Ensure compliance with the local rule.

### **Service Manager's Role**

NRH will review compliance with the notice during the operational review process.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice, please contact your Housing Administrator at (905) 682-9201.

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Maryellen Maclellan, General Manager

Enclosure: Local Priority Group Policy