

**DHHS BRIDGING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BRAP)**

**RENTAL AGREEMENT ADDENDUM  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT**

TENANT: \_\_\_\_\_ LANDLORD/AGENT: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT ADDRESS/#: \_\_\_\_\_

Maine DHHS, in accordance with federal law, requires you, as the landlord, to include a provision in your lease or rental agreement that establishes all requirements that apply to tenants on our program as applicable under the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022, as outlined in the attached Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Contract.

This addendum adds the following paragraphs to any lease or rental agreement between the above referenced Tenant and Landlord and must be included in said lease or agreement. Please return a signed copy of this addendum with the completed HAP Contract.

**Conflicts with Other Provisions of the Lease or Rental Agreement**

In case of any conflict between the provisions of this Addendum and other sections of the Lease or Rental Agreement, the provisions of this Addendum shall prevail.

**Term of the Lease/Rental Agreement Addendum**

The effective date of this Addendum is \_\_\_\_\_. This Addendum shall continue to be in effect until the Lease or Rental Agreement is terminated.

**VAWA Protections**

1. The Landlord may not consider incidents of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking as serious or repeated violations of the lease or rental agreement or other “good cause” for termination of tenancy or occupancy rights of the victim of abuse.
2. The Landlord may not consider criminal activity directly relating to abuse, engaged in by a member of a tenant’s household or any guest or other person under the tenant’s control, cause termination of tenancy, or occupancy rights if the tenant or an immediate member of the tenant’s family is the victim or threatened victim of that abuse.
3. The Landlord may request in writing that the victim, or a family member on the victim’s behalf, certify that the individual is a victim of abuse within 14 business days, or an agreed upon extension date, to receive protection under the VAWA. *Failure to provide the certification or other supporting documentation within the specified timeframe may result in eviction.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tenant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landlord

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***Please be advised: We will not be able to pay any rental assistance unless a signed copy is returned to us.***