Kentucky Housing Corporation

Weatherization Public Guidance March 16, 2023 KHC Program Notice 02-2023

Subject: Unvented Fuel-Fired Space Heaters in Manufactured Housing
Guidance: Manufactured housing may not be left with unvented fuel-fired space heaters

24 CFR 3280.707(b) which is cited in WPN 22-7: Health & Safety Frequently Asked Questions does not allow manufactured homes to be left with any unvented fuel-fired space heaters, even as secondary heat sources. Accordingly, any client who will not let subgrantees remove the space heaters will result in a deferral. KHC understands that the space heaters are the property of the homeowner, and subgrantees need to be respectful of personally owned property. KHC recommends the following process to meet the guidelines so that the fuel-fired space heaters are not left.

- 1. Get a picture of the unit before starting the removal.
- 2. Safely unhook and cap off the gas supply. (Performed by a licensed professional.)
- 3. Remove the unit from the wall.
- 4. Get pictures of the unit removed.
- 5. Create a client waiver and have them sign it, which states that the unvented fuel-fired space heater as secondary heat source was not left, and they understand the dangers of installing this type of heat source.

Please focus your efforts on client education and the dangers of leaving this type of secondary heat source in the home. Client education on this subject will be key in having a seamless disconnect of the secondary source.

Subject: Gas Stoves with no over-head Vents.
Guidance: Clarification on guidance in KHC PN 01-2020

When a gas cook stove is present, and there is currently not a kitchen exhaust fan, which is ducted to the exterior, KHC will require one to be installed. Under certain circumstances, it may not be economical or practical for the kitchen exterior exhaust fan to be installed. In these instances, a written request must be submitted to your KHC Monitor and a determination will be made on a case-by-case basis. The

request and response must remain in the client file. Please see KHC PN 2020-01 for more information on replacing gas ranges.

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