## **TOPEKA HOUSING AUTHORITY**

## **PAYMENT STANDARDS - 2020**

0 bedroom = \$590.00 3 bedroom = \$1,020.00

1 bedroom = \$598.00 4 bedroom = \$1,211.00

2 bedroom = \$788.00 5 bedroom = \$1,392.00

**Payment Standard** – The maximum subsidy payment for a family. This includes the rent the landlord is asking plus the utilities the tenant has to pay for. Amount of utilities is determined by the Topeka Housing Authority's utility allowance schedule.

**Gross Rent** – The sum of the rent the landlord is asking plus the utilities the tenant has to pay for according to the Topeka Housing Authority's utility allowance schedule.

**Utility Allowance** – Amount determined by using correct Utility Allowance form. In the column that shows the bedroom size of the voucher, circle the items for which the tenant is responsible for paying.

When looking at a unit, ask the landlord the following questions:

- 1. How much is the rent?
- 2. Who pays for the utilities?
- 3. Are the utilities (heating, stove, water heater) gas or electric?
- 4. Who provides the stove and refrigerator?
- 5. Is it air conditioned?

With this information, you can complete the worksheets and determine if the unit you are looking at falls within the HUD guidelines.