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From: Prkic, Christina (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 6:31 PM
To: Jara, Roxana I. (MDHA)
Subject: Section 8 Question

Hi Roxana:

You called earlier to ask whether your cousin would be prohibited from participating in the Section 8 program as a landlord. You are employed with the Housing Agency. As I indicated to you, cousins do not fall under the definition of "immediate family" under the Code of Ethics. The Code defines "immediate family" as spouse, parents and children of the County employee. Accordingly, your cousin would not be prohibited from contracting with the Section 8.

However, in order to avoid the appearance of impropriety, should your responsibilities with the Agency involve the Section 8 program, i.e., compliance, monitoring, etc..., you should delegate those responsibilities and/or duties which may be connected to your cousin's contract.

Sincerely,

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