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## Notes From Inside The Beltway

### Public Housing

**Advocates Decry Public Housing Rent Hike Plan:** A study by the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities says the Trump administration's FY 2018 budget proposal would impose additional hardships on up to 4 million already struggling public housing tenants and Section 8 voucher holders. The CBPP study shows the proposed rent and utility increases could result in rent hikes of more than \$200 a month for 170,000 households. The budget proposal calls for a rent hike from 30% of adjusted income to 35% of gross income. Tenants are now allowed to deduct childcare, medical and disability-related expenses. The proposal would eliminate utility reimbursements to the poorest tenants who pay some of their utility costs. The proposal would also ban enhanced vouchers to keep families in subsidized housing when landlords convert to the private housing market and offer housing at market rates. "The hardships imposed by these rent increases will disproportionately impact families with young children, the elderly, and the lowest income households," the CBPP study says. **Info:** See the study at <http://tinyurl.com/ycvpbhxwo>

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