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## Notes From Inside The Beltway

### Studies/Reports

**Report Confirms Housing Lack For Voucher Families:** A new report compiled by the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities lends credence to reports from around the country that improved housing possibilities are largely unreachable to Section 8 housing voucher holders even though the program primarily exists to get low-income families out of ghettos and poverty-concentrated areas. The CBPP study, *Where Families with Children Use Housing Vouchers: A Comparative Look at the 30 Largest Metropolitan Areas*, examines the characteristics of rental housing affordable or leased to families with vouchers in metropolitan areas. The report found that an inordinate share of families with vouchers continue to live in high-poverty, low-opportunity and minority concentrated neighborhoods even though rental housing for voucher holders in better neighborhoods apparently is available. The CBPP used HUD and American Community Survey data to conclude that only 14% of voucher families live in neighborhoods where the poverty rate is below 10% while 25% of voucher-affordable units were in those same neighborhoods. The CBPP says reforms are needed to bolster the Section 8 program to provide more housing mobility and choice, including the creation and funding of a Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration program for select public housing authorities. **Info:** See the report at <https://tinyurl.com/yas8j7dc>

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