

Family Separation Housing (FSH) Overview

Introduction This guide provides the procedures for starting FSH for a member and for annual verification of a member's FSH and when to use the Grand Father box in Direct Access (DA).

- Information**
- SPO's with members who receive FSH **must** enter it annually **AFTER** the Legislative Pay Change takes effect on 1 January.
 - Monthly FSH rates are subject to pro-ration at a rate of 1/30th of the monthly amount for each day that is less than a full month of entitlement.
 - FSH is non-taxable.
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- Known Issues**
- **Spouse-in-Service** – DA will not allow FSH to start if the Spouse-in-Service box is checked in dependent data.
 - **Solution** – Uncheck the Spouse-in-Service checkbox in dependent data, save dependent data, enter save and approve the FSH transaction, re-check the Spouse-in-Service checkbox in dependent data and save.
 - **Terminal Leave** – The P&A tech fails to manually stop FSH upon departure on terminal leave resulting in overpayments and out-of-service debt collection.
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Starting Family Separation Housing (FSH)


Introduction This section provides the procedures for starting FSH in Direct Access (DA). FSH may be authorized when a separation results from military orders and not because of personal choices of the member and dependents. FSH may be payable to a member with dependents for the additional housing expenses resulting from separation from the dependents when a member is assigned to an OCONUS PDS, or to a PDS in CONUS to which concurrent travel has been denied. FSH must be authorized by PSC.

Known Issue The system will not allow an FSH start if the Spouse-in-Service box is checked in Dependent Data. Here is the workaround:

1. Uncheck the Spouse-in-Service box in Dependent Data.
2. Save the Dependent Data.
3. Start the FSH.
4. Approve the FSH transaction.
5. Re-check the Spouse-in-Service box in Dependent Data.
6. Save the Dependent Data.

LPC Row A Legislative Pay Change (LPC) for Housing Allowance & COLA pages should never be deleted, unless it is immediately replaced with a corrected LPC row.

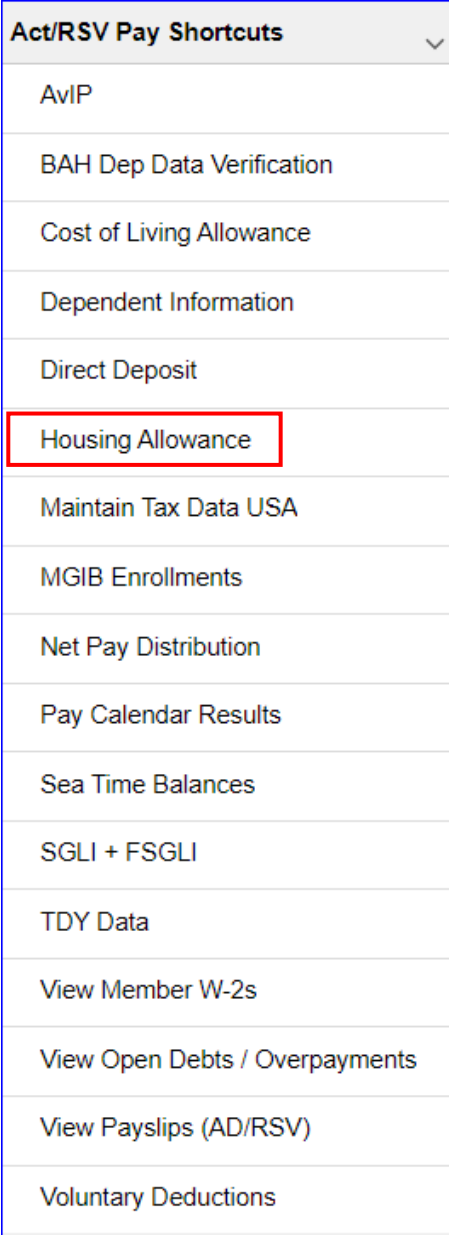
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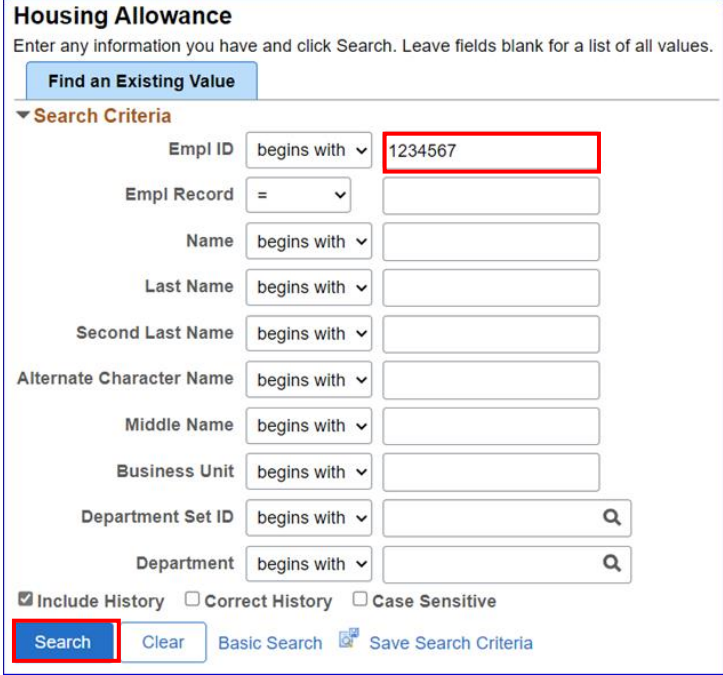
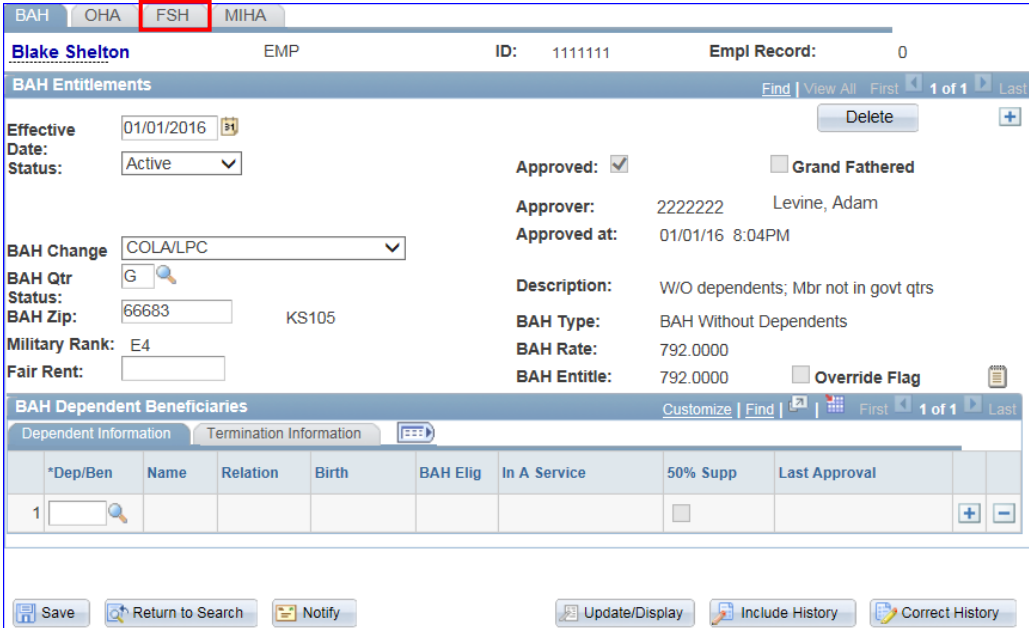
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2	<p>Scroll and select the Housing Allowance option under the Act/RSV Pay Shortcuts drop-down.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a drop-down menu titled "Act/RSV Pay Shortcuts" with a downward arrow. The menu is open, displaying a list of options: AvIP, BAH Dep Data Verification, Cost of Living Allowance, Dependent Information, Direct Deposit, Housing Allowance (highlighted with a red box), Maintain Tax Data USA, MGIB Enrollments, Net Pay Distribution, Pay Calendar Results, Sea Time Balances, SGLI + FSGLI, TDY Data, View Member W-2s, View Open Debts / Overpayments, View Payslips (AD/RSV), and Voluntary Deductions.</p>

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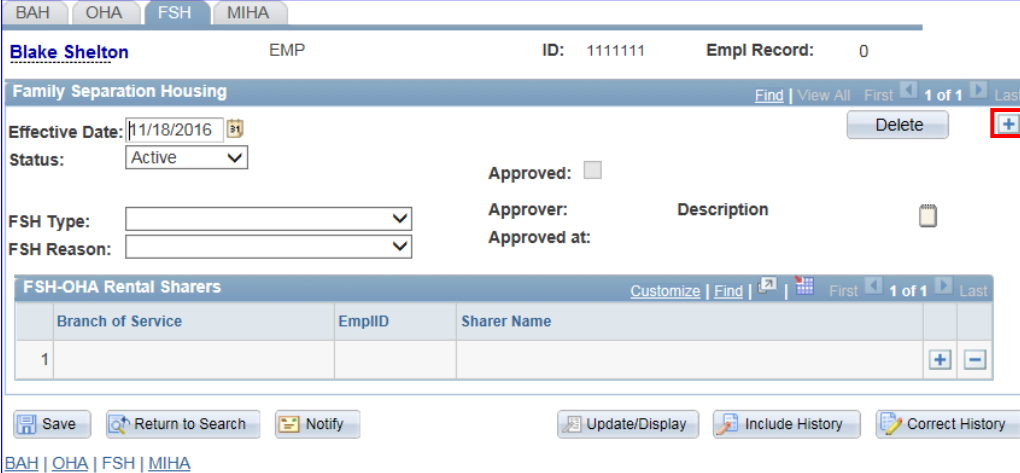

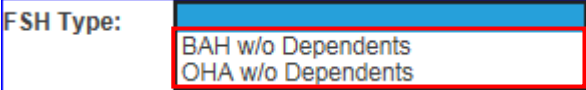
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3	<p>Enter the Empl ID and hit Search.</p>  <p>Housing Allowance Enter any information you have and click Search. Leave fields blank for a list of all values.</p> <p>Find an Existing Value</p> <p>▼ Search Criteria</p> <p>Empl ID begins with <input type="text" value="1234567"/></p> <p>Empl Record = <input type="text"/></p> <p>Name begins with <input type="text"/></p> <p>Last Name begins with <input type="text"/></p> <p>Second Last Name begins with <input type="text"/></p> <p>Alternate Character Name begins with <input type="text"/></p> <p>Middle Name begins with <input type="text"/></p> <p>Business Unit begins with <input type="text"/></p> <p>Department Set ID begins with <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Q"/></p> <p>Department begins with <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Q"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Include History <input type="checkbox"/> Correct History <input type="checkbox"/> Case Sensitive</p> <p><input checked="" type="button" value="Search"/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/> Basic Search <input type="button" value="Save Search Criteria"/></p>																										
4	<p>The member's current BAH information (if any) will display. Click the FSH tab.</p>  <p>BAH OHA FSH MIHA</p> <p>Blake Shelton EMP ID: 1111111 Empl Record: 0</p> <p>BAH Entitlements Find View All First 1 of 1 Last</p> <p>Effective Date: 01/01/2016 <input type="button" value="B"/></p> <p>Status: Active <input type="button" value="Delete"/> <input type="button" value="+"/></p> <p>Approved: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Fathered</p> <p>Approver: 2222222 Levine, Adam</p> <p>Approved at: 01/01/16 8:04PM</p> <p>BAH Change: COLA/LPC <input type="button" value="G"/></p> <p>BAH Qtr Status: G <input type="button" value="G"/></p> <p>BAH Zip: 66683 KS105</p> <p>Military Rank: E4</p> <p>Fair Rent: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Description: W/O dependents; Mbr not in govt qtrs</p> <p>BAH Type: BAH Without Dependents</p> <p>BAH Rate: 792.0000</p> <p>BAH Entitle: 792.0000 <input type="checkbox"/> Override Flag <input type="button" value="Print"/></p> <p>BAH Dependent Beneficiaries Customize Find <input type="button" value="Print"/> First 1 of 1 Last</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Dependent Information</th> <th colspan="2">Termination Information</th> <th colspan="2"></th> </tr> <tr> <th>*Dep/Ben</th> <th>Name</th> <th>Relation</th> <th>Birth</th> <th>BAH Elig</th> <th>In A Service</th> <th>50% Supp</th> <th>Last Approval</th> <th></th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td><input type="text"/></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td><input type="button" value="+"/></td> <td><input type="button" value="-"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><input type="button" value="Save"/> <input type="button" value="Return to Search"/> <input type="button" value="Notify"/> <input type="button" value="Update/Display"/> <input type="button" value="Include History"/> <input type="button" value="Correct History"/></p>	Dependent Information		Termination Information				*Dep/Ben	Name	Relation	Birth	BAH Elig	In A Service	50% Supp	Last Approval			1	<input type="text"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="button" value="+"/>	<input type="button" value="-"/>
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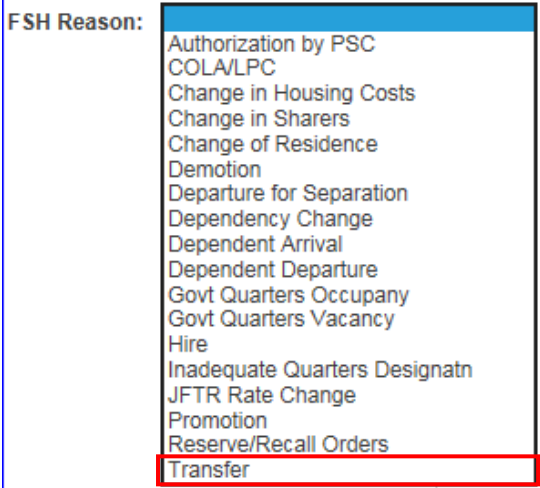
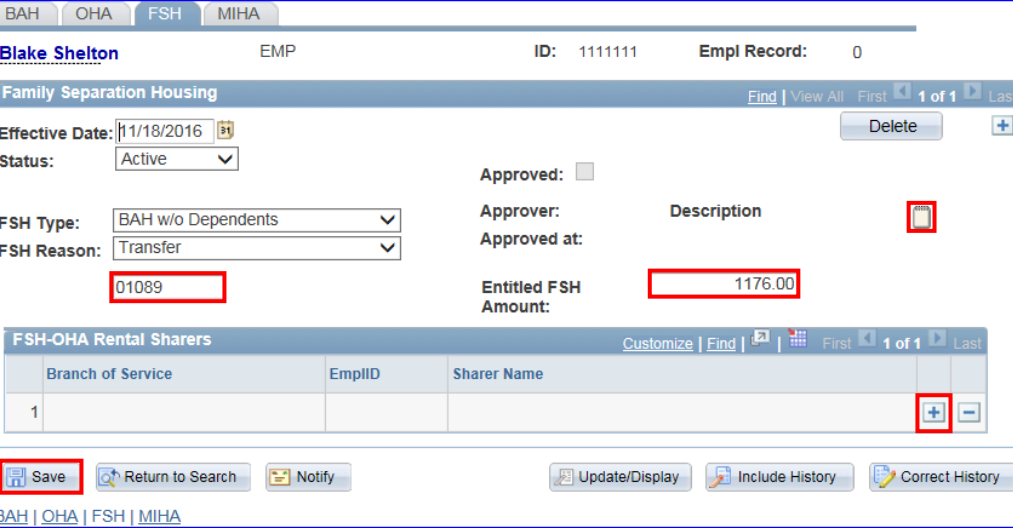
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5	<p>The member's current FSH information (if any) will display. If the information is blank, continue to step 5. If the member has an existing FSH row, click the Plus button to add a new row.</p> 
6	<p>Enter the Effective Date (defaults to current date) of the authorizing memo from CG PSC and ensure the Status reads Active (Inactive means the member is not currently receiving pay).</p> 
7	<p>Select the appropriate FSH Type, using the drop-down.</p> 

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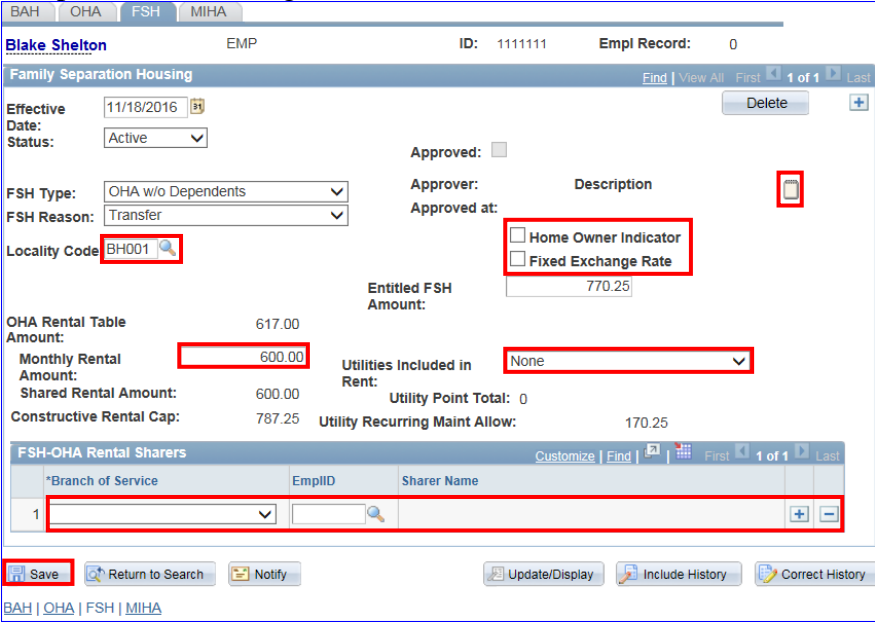
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8	<p>Select the appropriate FSH Reason, using the drop-down.</p>  <p>FSH Reason:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorization by PSC COLA/LPC Change in Housing Costs Change in Sharers Change of Residence Demotion Departure for Separation Dependency Change Dependent Arrival Dependent Departure Govt Quarters Occupany Govt Quarters Vacancy Hire Inadequate Quarters Designatn JFTR Rate Change Promotion Reserve/Recall Orders Transfer 										
9	<p>If BAH w/o Dependents is selected, the following fields must be updated.</p>  <p>BAH OHA FSH MIHA</p> <p>Blake Shelton EMP ID: 1111111 Empl Record: 0</p> <p>Family Separation Housing Find View All First 1 of 1 Last</p> <p>Effective Date: 11/18/2016 <input type="button" value="BT"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/> <input type="button" value="+"/></p> <p>Status: Active <input type="button" value="Approved:"/></p> <p>FSH Type: BAH w/o Dependents <input type="button" value="Approved:"/> Description <input type="button" value="Notepad"/></p> <p>FSH Reason: Transfer <input type="button" value="Approved at:"/></p> <p><input type="text" value="01089"/> <input type="text" value="1176.00"/></p> <p>Entitled FSH Amount: 1176.00</p> <p>FSH-OHA Rental Sharers Customize Find <input type="button" value="First"/> 1 of 1 <input type="button" value="Last"/></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Branch of Service</th> <th>EmplID</th> <th>Sharer Name</th> <th><input type="button" value="+"/></th> <th><input type="button" value="-"/></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td><input type="button" value="+"/></td> <td><input type="button" value="-"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><input type="button" value="Save"/> <input type="button" value="Return to Search"/> <input type="button" value="Notify"/> <input type="button" value="Update/Display"/> <input type="button" value="Include History"/> <input type="button" value="Correct History"/></p> <p>BAH OHA FSH MIHA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zip Code: the zip code will default to the current permanent duty station for Active Duty members or the Home address for Reserve members. If the default is incorrect, enter the correct Zip Code. - Notepad: Use the notepad to add specific details regarding this entitlement (Example: Authorizing Memo from CG PSC was signed 11/18/2016) - Entitled FSH Amount: The appropriate amount will auto-populate once the zip code is entered. - FSH-OHA Rental Sharers: Click the Plus button to add rental sharers. <p>Save: Once all fields have been completed, click Save.</p>	Branch of Service	EmplID	Sharer Name	<input type="button" value="+"/>	<input type="button" value="-"/>	1			<input type="button" value="+"/>	<input type="button" value="-"/>
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10	<p>If OHA w/o Dependents is selected, use the Starting OHA user guide to complete the following fields.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows the OHA Family Separation Housing form for Blake Shelton. The form includes the following fields and values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective Date: 11/18/2016 Status: Active FSH Type: OHA w/o Dependents FSH Reason: Transfer Locality Code: BH001 Approved: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved at: [Notepad icon] Home Owner Indicator: <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Exchange Rate: <input type="checkbox"/> Entitled FSH Amount: 770.25 OHA Rental Table Amount: 617.00 Monthly Rental Amount: 600.00 Shared Rental Amount: 600.00 Constructive Rental Cap: 787.25 Utilities Included in Rent: None Utility Point Total: 0 Utility Recurring Maint Allow: 170.25 <p>The FSH-OHA Rental Sharers table is also visible, with one row for Branch of Service, EmplID, and Sharer Name.</p> <p>Save: Once all fields have been completed, click Save.</p>

- **Locality Code:** Use the lookup to select a Locality Code.
 - **Monthly Rental Amount:** Enter the **Monthly Rental Amount** in the foreign currency identified on the rental/lease/purchase agreement. Use the exchange rate from the **Effective Date**.
 - **Notepad:** Use the notepad to add specific details regarding this entitlement (Example: Authorizing Memo from CG PSC was signed 11/18/2016)
 - **Home Owner Indicator:** Check if applicable.
 - **Fixed Exchange Rate:** This box should only be checked if the rental/lease/purchase agreement was written in dollars vice the local currency. The amount will need to be reverse computed to get the dollar value.
 - **Utilities Included in Rent:** Select one of the options in the **Utilities Included in Rent** drop-down. If the **Some** option is selected, then a **Utility Point Total** must also be entered before moving on. This is based on the assigned climate for the area (see OHA Calculator at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaCalc.cfm>).
 - **FSH-OHA Rental Sharers:** If applicable, enter the **OHA Rental Sharers** information. This will affect the **Shared Rental Amount** above.
- Save:** Once all fields have been completed, click **Save**.

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11	Once saved, the transaction will be routed to all of the SPO Auditors in the same Dept ID as the HRS User.


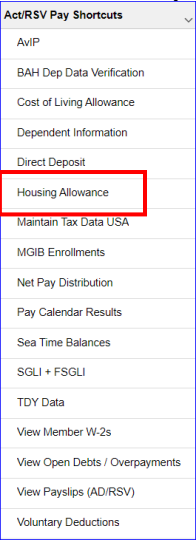
Annual Verification of FSH

Introduction This section provides the procedures for annually verifying a member’s FSH and when to use the Grand Fathered box in DA.

Information Providing no other changes in pay have occurred for this member except the LPC row on 1 January, SPO’s with members who receive FSH must **enter** and **verify** the member is getting the higher rate after it goes into effect on 1 January each year.

A Legislative Pay Change (LPC) for Housing Allowance, COLA, and FSH pages should never be deleted, unless it is immediately replaced with a corrected LPC row.

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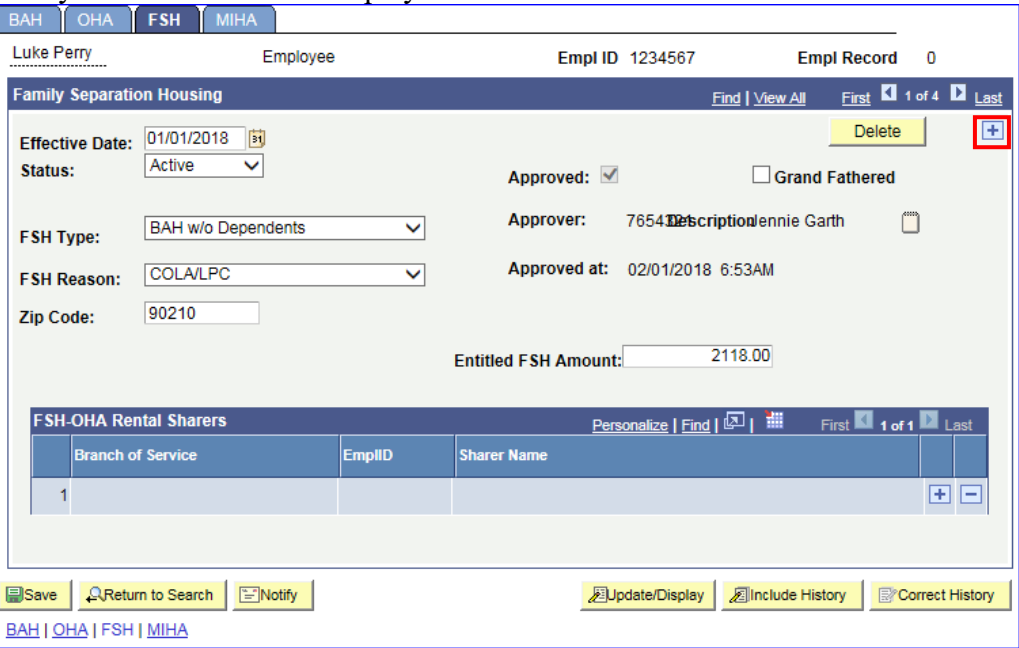
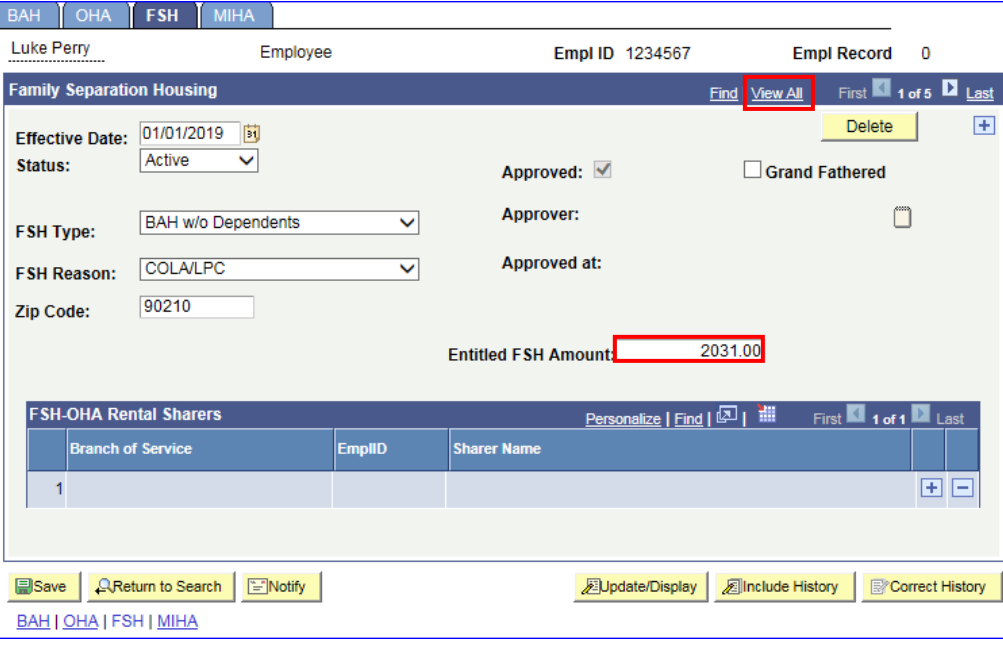
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4	<p>The BAH tab will display. Select the FSH tab.</p> <div data-bbox="316 1585 1377 1771" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p>BAH OHA FSH MIHA</p> <hr/> <p>Luke Perry Employee Empl ID 1234567 Empl Record 0</p> <p>BAH Entitlements Find View All First 1 of 7 Last</p> <p>Effective Date: 01/01/2019 Delete +</p> <p>Status: Active Approved: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grand Fathered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> </div>																														

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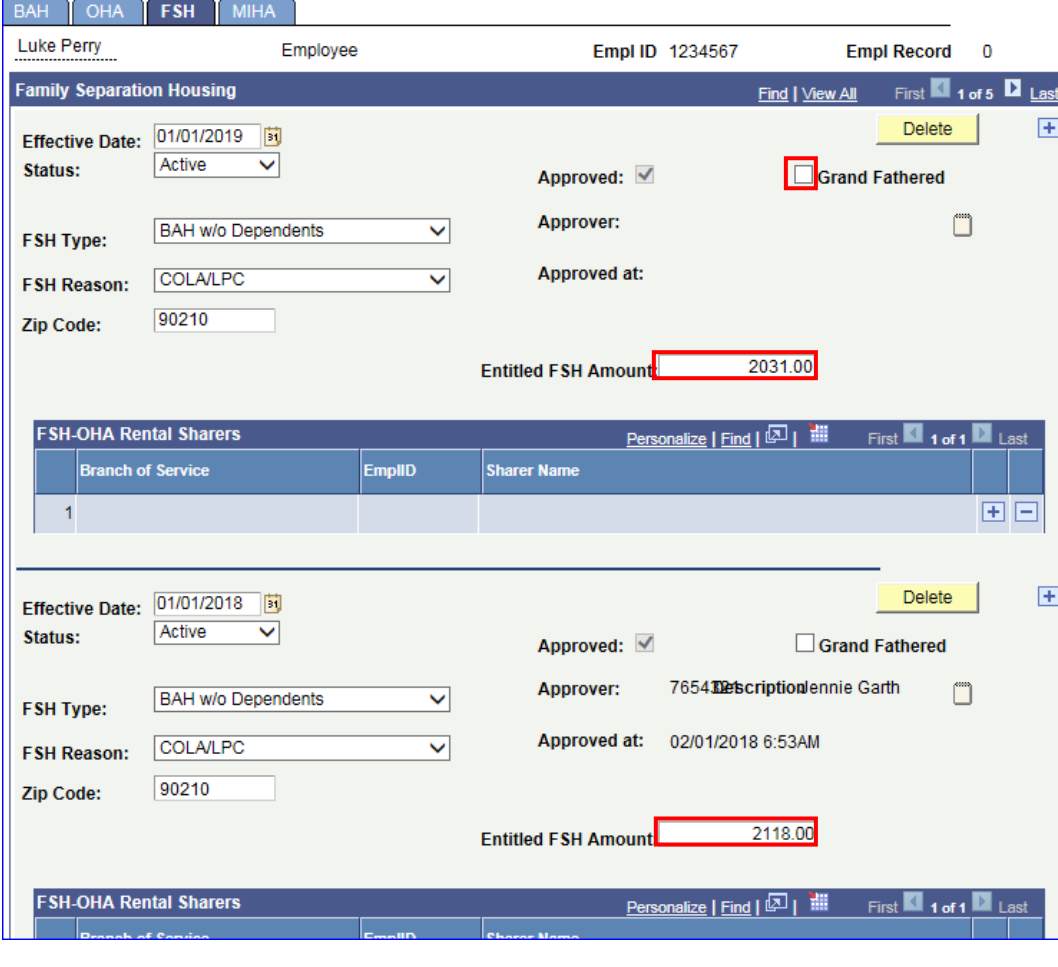
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5	<p>Last year's LPC row will display. Click the Plus button.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows the 'Family Separation Housing' record for Luke Perry, Employee, Empl ID 1234567, Empl Record 0. The record is for the date 01/01/2018, with an 'Active' status. The FSH Type is 'BAH w/o Dependents' and the FSH Reason is 'COLA/LPC'. The Zip Code is 90210. The 'Entitled FSH Amount' is 2118.00. The record is approved by 7654 (Description: Jennie Garth) on 02/01/2018 at 6:53AM. Below the record details is a table for 'FSH-OHA Rental Sharers' with one row showing 'Branch of Service', 'EmplID', and 'Sharer Name'. A red box highlights the plus button in the top right corner of the record details.</p>
6	<p>The current year will display with the current Entitled FSH Amount. Click View All.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows the 'Family Separation Housing' record for Luke Perry, Employee, Empl ID 1234567, Empl Record 0. The record is for the date 01/01/2019, with an 'Active' status. The FSH Type is 'BAH w/o Dependents' and the FSH Reason is 'COLA/LPC'. The Zip Code is 90210. The 'Entitled FSH Amount' is 2031.00. The record is approved by 7654 (Description: Jennie Garth) on 02/01/2018 at 6:53AM. Below the record details is a table for 'FSH-OHA Rental Sharers' with one row showing 'Branch of Service', 'EmplID', and 'Sharer Name'. A red box highlights the 'View All' button in the top right corner of the record details.</p>

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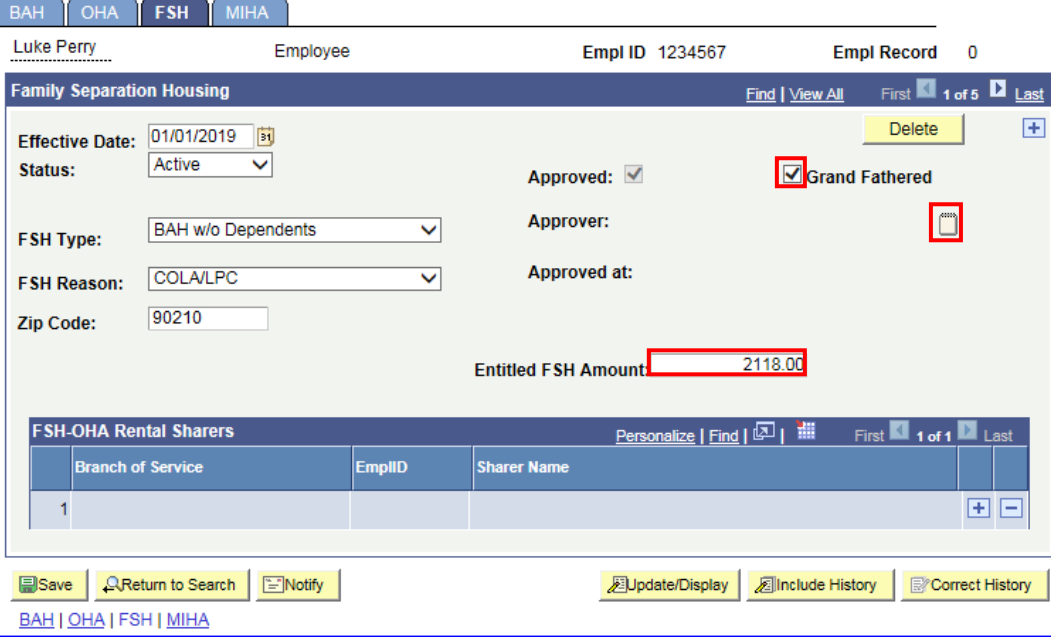
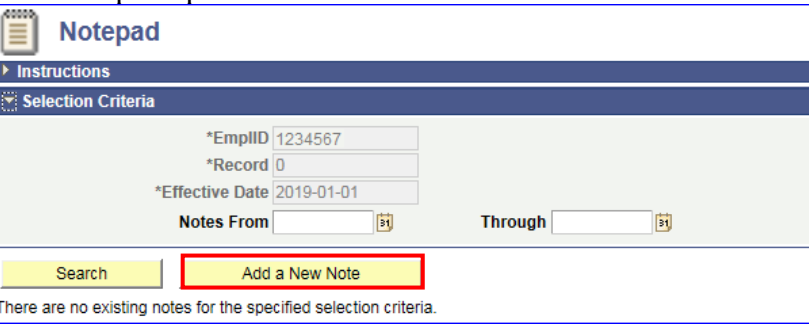
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7	<p>Since this year's amount has decreased, the Grand Fathered box will need to be used. If it stays the same or increases, just click save to forward for approval.</p>  <p>The screenshot displays the FSH system interface for Luke Perry (Employee, Empl ID 1234567). It shows two FSH records:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record 1 (Top): Effective Date: 01/01/2019, Status: Active, FSH Type: BAH w/o Dependents, FSH Reason: COLA/LPC, Zip Code: 90210, Entitled FSH Amount: 2031.00. The 'Grand Fathered' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red box. Record 2 (Bottom): Effective Date: 01/01/2018, Status: Active, FSH Type: BAH w/o Dependents, FSH Reason: COLA/LPC, Zip Code: 90210, Entitled FSH Amount: 2118.00. The 'Grand Fathered' checkbox is unchecked. <p>Each record includes fields for Effective Date, Status, FSH Type, FSH Reason, Zip Code, and Entitled FSH Amount. The 'Grand Fathered' checkbox is a key element in the verification process.</p>

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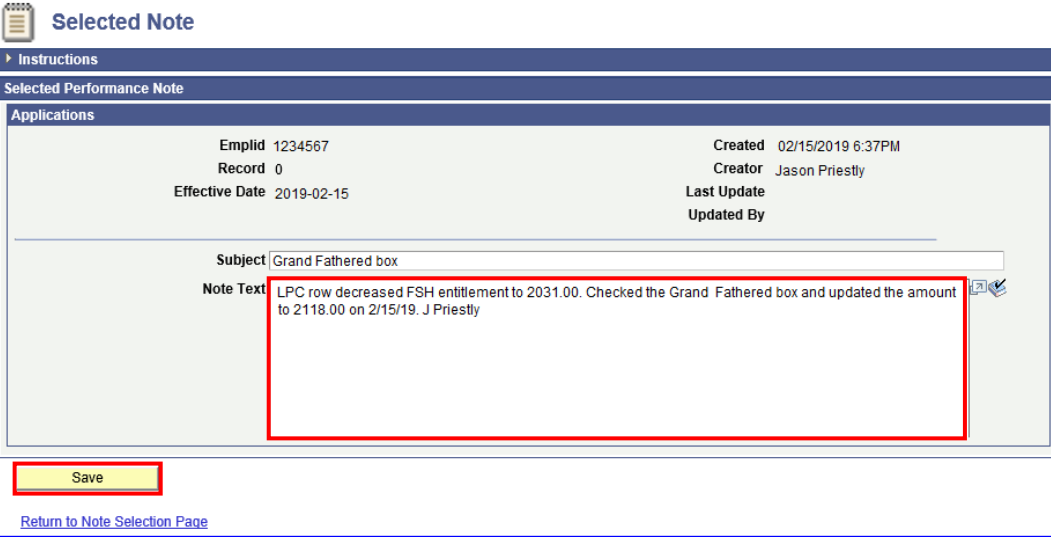
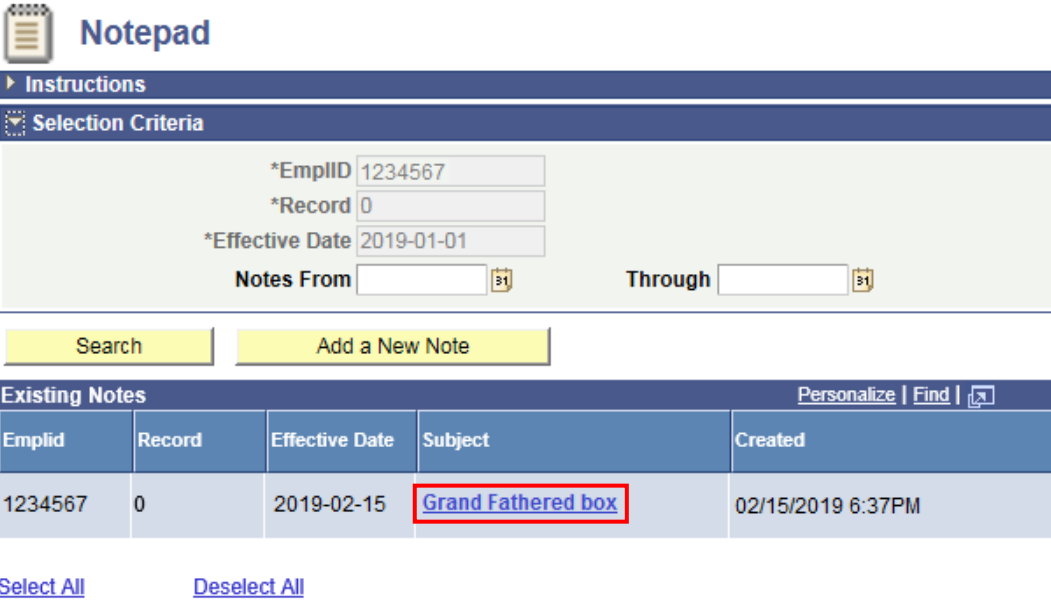
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8	<p>Check the Grand Fathered box, change the Entitled FSH Amount to last year's amount, and click the Notepad icon.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows the 'Family Separation Housing' form for Luke Perry, Employee ID 1234567, Record 0. The form includes fields for Effective Date (01/01/2019), Status (Active), FSH Type (BAH w/o Dependents), FSH Reason (COLA/LPC), and Zip Code (90210). The 'Grand Fathered' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red box. The 'Entitled FSH Amount' field is set to 2118.00 and is also highlighted with a red box. A Notepad icon is highlighted with a red box in the 'Approver' field.</p>
9	<p>The Notepad opens in a new window. Click Add a New Note.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows the 'Notepad' application window. It has a 'Selection Criteria' section with fields for *EmpID (1234567), *Record (0), and *Effective Date (2019-01-01). Below these are 'Notes From' and 'Through' date pickers. At the bottom, there are 'Search' and 'Add a New Note' buttons. The 'Add a New Note' button is highlighted with a red box.</p>

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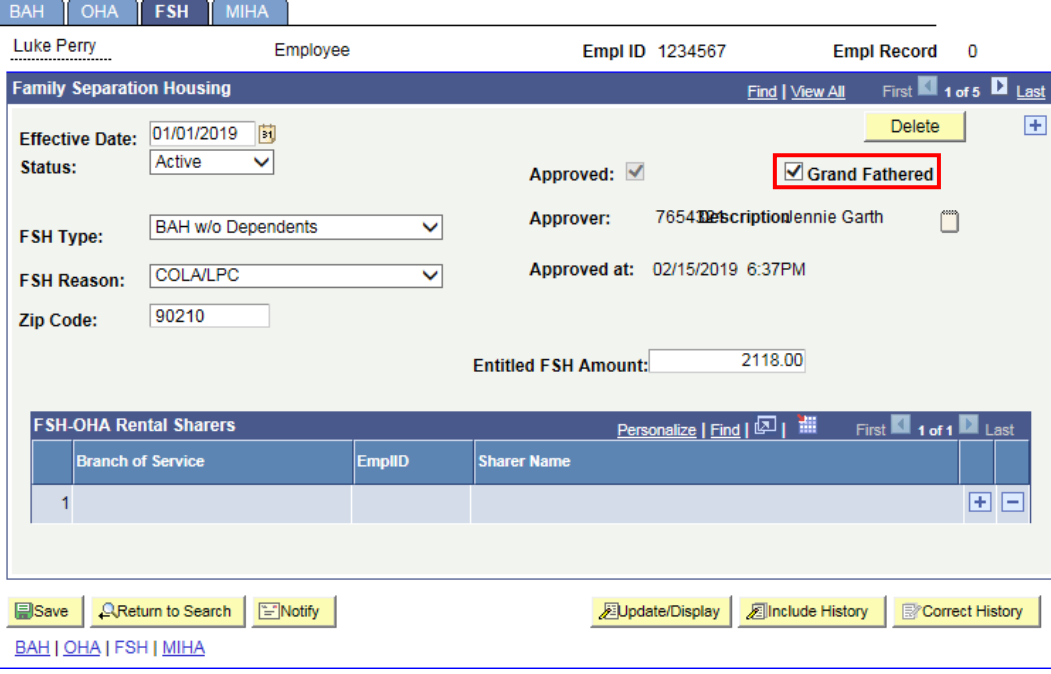
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Step	Action
<p>10</p>	<p>Include in the Note Text, the original amount stated for this row, when it was updated and the current amount showing (once the amount is changed there is no proof of the original amount like the BAH row displays). Click Save.</p> 
<p>11</p>	<p>The Notepad window will display with the newly created Subject note. Use the X to close out of this window.</p> 

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12	<p>Once approved, the Grand Fathered box does not grey out (another reason the Notepad should be used).</p>  <p>The screenshot shows the 'Family Separation Housing' (FSH) interface for employee Luke Perry (Empl ID 1234567). The 'Grand Fathered' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red box. Other visible fields include: Effective Date: 01/01/2019, Status: Active, FSH Type: BAH w/o Dependents, FSH Reason: COLA/LPC, Zip Code: 90210, and Entitled FSH Amount: 2118.00. The 'Approved at' timestamp is 02/15/2019 6:37PM. A table below shows 'FSH-OHA Rental Sharers' with one entry for Branch of Service '1'. Navigation buttons like 'Save', 'Return to Search', 'Notify', 'Update/Display', 'Include History', and 'Correct History' are visible at the bottom.</p>