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A Philadelphia-area single mother whose lease was terminated after she adopted a 9-year-old boy is now a homeowner, thanks to a \$30,000 settlement entered by a HUD Administrative Law Judge in September 2010. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination against families with children, including adopted and foster children, unless the housing is for older persons. HUD charged the case in April 2010, alleging that when the mother Robin Link viewed an apartment owned by Charles and Patricia Trucksess and mentioned that she intended to adopt a child, Ms. Trucksess indicated that they did not rent to families with children. In addition, HUD alleged that after Ms. Link moved into the unit, and later adopted her son, the Trucksesses terminated her lease. As a result, the new family was forced to move to a new town, away from the boy's school, friends and family. In addition to the \$30,000 the owners agreed to pay the mother, they paid \$10,000 to the Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, a HUD Fair Housing Initiatives Program agency that had also filed a complaint with HUD.

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