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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Multifamily Hub Directors
All Multifamily Program Center Directors
All Multifamily Operations Officers
All Multifamily Headquarters Office Directors
All Multifamily Housing Project Managers
All Contract Administrators

FROM: Catherine M. Brennan, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, HTH

SUBJECT: Suspension of the Requirements Contained in Sections 9-23, 9-24, and 9-25 of the Section 8 Renewal Policy Guide

On May 18, 2012, the Department issued page changes to the Section 8 Renewal Policy Guide. Sections 9-23, 9-24, and 9-25 of the page changes provided new procedures for appraisers should the market rents in the owner's rent comparability study (RCS) exceed 110 percent of the Small Area Fair Market Rent in metropolitan areas or the Fair Market Rent in non-metropolitan areas.

A number of operational issues have arisen from the implementation of these page changes and the Department is considering further revisions to the guidance.

Effectively immediately, the requirements in these sections are suspended. Appraisers do not have to follow these guidelines nor can Field staff or PBCAs enforce these provisions.

Please forward this information to appropriate parties.