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SECTION 8 PROGRAM UPDATES

PASSBOOK SAVINGS RATE CHANGES

Housing Notice H 2014-15, recently released by HUD, makes changes to the passbook savings rate effective February 1, 2015; and announced that the rate will be adjusted at least annually. This notice supersedes the information in the HUD Handbook 4350.3 REV-1 Chg 4 Section 5-7.F.

The new passbook savings rate will be 0.06% beginning February 1, 2015 until Multifamily Housing publishes and makes effective a new rate. Use this rate to calculate the imputed income on assets that total over \$5,000 for all move-in, initial, annual, and interim certifications. Tenants have the right to request an interim certification due to the change in the imputed income.

If you process a certification effective 2/1/2015 before the new rate can be updated in the site software, you may need to flag the certification to do a correction once the rate is updated. This can occur if the software does not have the option to enter an effective date for the new rate. In this case, all certifications processed before February 2015 will have the 2% rate; and when the rate of 0.06% is entered into the system on February 1, 2015, corrections will be made for submission on the March 2015 voucher.

Notice H 2014-15 is located at
<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=14-15hsgn.pdf>.

FY2014 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS IMPLEMENTATION NOFA

HUD sent the following information out through the National Assisted Housing Management Association (NAHMA).

“We’re excited to announce the FY2014 NOFA for Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants has been posted to the Grants.gov website.

Applications are due on Monday, February 9, 2015. The NOFA makes available approximately \$76 million for Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants. At its discretion and subject to appropriations, HUD will use FY2015 Choice Neighborhoods funding to make Implementation awards under this NOFA. Individual grant awards may be for up to a maximum of \$30,000,000.

The NOFA and application package are available through the www.grants.gov website. The CFDA number is 14.889. Additionally, the NOFA document (not the application package) is available at www.hud.gov/cn on the FY2014 NOFA and Funding Information Webpage <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn/fy14funding>.

The Choice Neighborhoods Implementation grant NOFA includes 2 bonus points for applicants working with entities designated as having Preferred Sustainability Status.”

SPECIAL CLAIMS TIP #6 – DAMAGES ON MOVE-OUT INSPECTION REPORT

Remember to list all damages on the move-out inspection report in order to charge the tenant. If the tenant does not pay the damages despite efforts to collect, you can claim damages on a Damages Special Claim.

FAIR HOUSING CHOICE IN OREGON

Please see the informational website at <http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/pages/equal-access-to-housing-in-oregon.aspx>

HUD REGION X WEBSITES

The HUD Region X website has lots of good information that pertains to Oregon affordable housing owners. There have been many updates since the last OHCS memo was sent. To keep up on the latest information, click the links below:
<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/shared/working/r10/mf/whatsnew>
<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/shared/working/r10/mf/xmfhsgmanageinfo>

INDUSTRY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Many training opportunities can be found online by using one of the search engines. Examples include, but are not limited to, Oregon AHMA Boot Camps and Conference, Quadel Consulting, and NCHM.
- The following link will take you to a Calendar of Events on the HUD RHIIP website (go to RHIIP Support and Training at the bottom of the page):
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/mfh/rhiip/mfhrhiip

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- 2. If #1 did not work, highlight the link and copy/paste it into the browser address bar.***
- 3. OHCS Section 8 memos are posted to the OHCS website at:***
<http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/Pages/hca-communication-memos.aspx>
(There is a delay in posting the new memos.)