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To: HOME Assisted Owners and Management Agents

From: Diana Koppes, Business Operations Administrator

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Re: HOME Program Update

In compliance with Federal requirements and previous HUD guidance, OHCS attempted to implement the requirements of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996, which states that illegal non-citizens are not eligible for housing receiving federal assistance under the HOME program. (FR 61344 published November 17, 1997). However, in light of recent developments, OHCS has determined it would be prudent to withdraw our requirements regarding verification of citizenship or eligible non-citizen status in projects receiving HOME funds until specific guidance is received from HUD. OHCS will not require properties receiving HOME funds to use the Citizenship Declaration form, or otherwise inquire into citizenship status until such guidance is received.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding the information contained within this mailing please feel free to contact Jennifer Marchand at jennifer.marchand.hcs.state.or.us, or Ryan Miller at ryan.miller.@hcs.state.or.us.