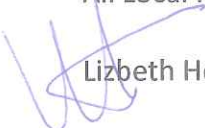


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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
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Public Housing Notice 2013-16

TO: All Local Housing Authority Executive Directors

FROM:  Lizbeth Heyer, Associate Director, Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance

SUBJECT: Applicants for State-Aided Public Housing or for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program Receiving HomeBASE Assistance

DATE: July 31, 2013

Effective July 1, 2013, all applicants for state-aided public housing or MRVP who otherwise qualify for emergency case status will retain or be granted emergency case status notwithstanding receipt of HomeBASE Rental Assistance. This is required in the Fiscal Year 2014 State Operating Budget signed by the Governor on July 12, 2013, and cannot be waived by DHCD. Additionally, all applicants for state-aided public housing or MRVP who otherwise qualify for emergency case status will retain or be granted emergency case status notwithstanding receipt of HomeBASE Household Assistance.

The inclusion of the HomeBASE program furthers the Commonwealth's work to reduce dependency on homeless shelters. Any household applying for state-aided public housing or MRVP must complete a Universal Standard Application and a Universal Emergency Application. Housing authorities will continue to process the application in accordance with current procedures to determine whether the applicant is eligible and qualified for housing.

If you have any questions, please contact your Housing Management Specialist.