



**Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance**

To: HomeBASE Administering Agencies
From: Lizbeth Heyer, Associate Director
Date: June 7, 2013
RE: UW-9, Universal Waiver of HomeBASE Regulations, Requirement for
Security Deposits

Pursuant to 760 CMR § 65.08, for ease of implementation of the HomeBASE program and to further the fundamental principles of the HomeBASE program, anything to the contrary in 760 CMR Ch. 65 notwithstanding, the provision of 760 CMR § 65.04 (3)(f)(2), providing that the Participant shall be responsible to return any unused last month's rent and the amount of any security deposit to the Department after the Participant Family has moved out of the unit, shall be waived.

This Universal Waiver will allow such funds to be returned to the Participant Families, in the discretion of the HomeBASE Administering Agency to be used to further stabilize their subsequent housing situations and will relieve HomeBASE Administering Agencies and the Department from the burden of recouping security deposits from landlords. For the administrative convenience of the HomeBASE Administering Agency or if the HomeBASE Administering Agency has reason to believe that the funds will not be used to stabilize a participant family in its subsequent housing situation, the HomeBASE Administering Agency may retain the funds as detailed in 760 CMR § 65.04 (3)(f)(2) to be repurposed for the use of other HomeBASE participants.