



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

To: HomeBASE Administering Agencies  
From: Lizbeth Heyer, Associate Director  
Date: September 5, 2013  
RE: UW-10, Universal Waiver of HomeBASE Regulations, Income limits for Household Assistance Families Transitioning from Rental Assistance

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Pursuant to 760 CMR § 65.05, to reflect FY14 budget language 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 § 65.05 (r)(3), providing that a HomeBASE Participant that exceeds 115% of the federal poverty level for a family of its size be terminated effective at the end of the sixth full calendar month that occurs after the family's income exceeds such threshold shall be waived for families that previously received HomeBASE Rental Assistance and that subsequently received Household Assistance to support their transition to market rate housing.

This Universal Waiver reflects changes in FY14 Budget Language, changing the income limit for HomeBASE Household Assistance to 50% AMI and also allows Participants to remain on the Household Assistance program (including stabilization) for 12 months. Families transitioning from HomeBASE Rental Assistance and accepting the \$4,000 Household Assistance benefit must not have income exceeding 50% AMI for their family size in order to be eligible for the Household Assistance. However, this cohort of families (transitioning off of rental assistance only), will not be subject to the 6-month time limit for termination for categorical ineligibility. They may complete the 12-month stabilization program regardless of income.