



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Local Housing Agencies and Regional Non-Profits
Administering the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)

From: Lizbeth Heyer, Associate Director

Subject: Lifting of MRVP Voucher Re-issuance Freeze

Date: August 12, 2011

I am very pleased to inform you that, due to supplemental funds provided at the end of FY 2011 for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP), the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) **is lifting the freeze** that has restricted the re-issuance of Mobile MRVP vouchers since July of 2008. This will allow for the re-issuance of any Mobile voucher that became available on July 1, 2011 or afterward. The reissuance of Mobile vouchers can occur immediately.

We realize that many agencies have either non-existent or outdated MRVP waiting lists. Because the number of turnover vouchers is likely to be limited, agencies where there is no MRVP waitlist or that list is out of date may use their other state-aided housing program waiting lists and lists that were created for specific populations (i.e. – Home and Healthy, Medical Emergencies, United Way, etc). Applicants selected from a waiting list other than a MRVP Mobile Voucher list that reject the offer of a Mobile Voucher will remain on the applicable waiting list, rather than being automatically dropped.

This is a significant step in the collective goal to improve the lives of low-income families and individuals by offering more rental subsidies during these difficult economic times. Thank you all for your hard work, this would not be possible without it.

If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please feel free to contact Charlie Vasiliades at (617)-573-1236 for further assistance.

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