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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
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Public Housing Notice 2020-17

To: All Local Housing Authorities

From: Ben Stone, Associate Director, Division of Public Housing

Re: Extension of Certain DHCD Required Certifications and Submissions Deadlines

Date: April 13, 2020

With this Public Housing Notice (PHN), DHCD is extending certain deadlines for Local Housing Authority (LHA) certifications and submissions. These extensions are in response to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Baker on March 20, 2020 due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The deadline extensions are meant to provide LHAs with additional time to both focus on resident and LHA needs and continue best efforts to maintain a normal course of business. All deadline extensions listed herein, and any future extensions, will be linked to the current State of Emergency. For example, while the schedule in *Attachment B* shows AUP site visits for 12/31/19 Fiscal Year End LHAs pushed out by sixty days, DHCD will not approve any in-person AUP visits until the Governor has lifted the State of Emergency. DHCD will reevaluate each deadline and consider future extensions every thirty (30) days. DHCD will publish any further deadline extensions as addendums to this PHN.

Starting with the FYE 12/31 LHAs, DHCD will conduct the Performance Management Review (PMR) Desk Audit remotely and within the timeframe in *Attachments A-f*. DHCD staff will only contact LHAs to schedule conversations if any follow-up is required or operational guidance indicated. Until further notice, DHCD is also suspending the physical condition component of the next PMR for all LHAs (i.e., site visits, work orders, inspection reports, systems, and unit inspections).

DHCD will also be issuing a PHN in the near future detailing temporary changes to the upcoming PMR criteria and ratings to account for operational changes due to COVID-19.

Attachments A-F are organized by LHA Fiscal Year End. The attachment identifies all DHCD-required Certifications and Submissions deadlines, the normal due date, and the extension, as applicable. If you have any questions on this PHN please contact your Housing Management Specialist.

DHCD Required Certifications & Submissions Deadline Extensions

Attachment A: 9/30/19 FYE

Attachment B: 12/31/19 FYE

Attachment C: 3/31/20 FYE

Attachment D: 6/30/20 FYE

Attachment E: 9/30/20 FYE

Attachment F: 12/31/20 FYE