

Commonwealth of Massachusetts DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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- To: Local Housing Authority (LHA) Executive Directors
- From: Ben Stone, Director, Division of Public Housing
- Subject: Annual Rent Recertification and CDC Eviction Moratorium Extension

Date: April 7, 2021

Key Items:

- 1. Notice of End of Annual Rent Determination Waiver
- 2. Notice of CDC Eviction Moratorium Extension

1) Notice of End of Annual Rent Determination Waiver

On March 25, 2020, DHCD issued <u>Public Housing Notice #2020-12</u>, which included a regulatory waiver of <u>760 CMR 6.04(4)</u> to defer the requirement for an annual rent redetermination for all state-funded public housing residents for calendar year 2020. LHA could choose to defer the annual rent redetermination until calendar year 2021.

DHCD did <u>not</u> extend this waiver for 2021. DHCD reminds LHAs that deferred 2020 annual rent redeterminations for state-funded housing residents that they <u>must</u> conduct annual rent redeterminations for all state-funded housing residents in calendar year 2021¹. LHAs are <u>not</u> required to retroactively conduct 2020 annual rent determinations.

2) Notice of CDC Eviction Moratorium Extension

On March 29 the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) <u>extended the temporary halt in residential evictions</u> through June 30, 2021. This continues the temporary suspension of eviction for non-payment of rent for qualifying tenants. See <u>mass.gov website on CDC eviction moratorium</u> for more information.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact <u>Laura.Taylor@mass.gov</u> or <u>Christine.DeVore@mass.gov</u>.

¹ Note this does not apply for LHAs that have received a pre-COVID regulatory waiver to allow biennial rent determinations in c.667 housing.