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AHVP Program Notice 2022-4

To: AHVP Administering Agencies (AAs)

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Subject: Final Revised AHVP FY22 Ceiling Rents

Date: March 17, 2022

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This Program Notice 2022-4 replaces Program Notice 2022-1 and 2022-3 for all FMR areas.

We are happy to announce the **Final Revised AHVP FY22 Ceiling Rents effective for new lease ups on March 17, 2022 and for existing leases on May 1, 2022**. The Final Revised FY22 Ceiling Rents are attached and will also be posted on the AHVP webpage at www.mass.gov/AHVP.

- For new lease ups (including relocations and transfers), the Final Revised AHVP FY22 Ceiling Rents are effective for any new leases beginning on or after 3/17/2022.
- For rent increases, the Final Revised AHVP FY22 Ceiling Rents are effective for any rent increase beginning on or after 5/1/2022. If the Final Revised AHVP FY22 Ceiling Rents is lower than the requested rent increase, the approved rent increase cannot exceed Final Revised AHVP FY22 Ceiling Rents (and rent reasonableness, etc.; waivers may be requested as necessary), but the current contract rent does not need to be lowered.
- For existing units with no status change (relocation, rent increase, etc.) and where the Final Revised AHVP FY22 Ceiling Rents is lower than the current contract rent, the participant will be held harmless. For these particular units, the Final Revised AHVP FY22 Ceiling Rents do not need to be applied until there is a rent increase or similar change to the existing unit.
- For all other situations, the Final Revised AHVP FY22 Ceiling Rents is applied at the next recertification or interim reexamination that is effective on or after 5/1/2022.
- For waivers and reasonable accommodations, the procedures remain the same and may still be requested as necessary. Revised waivers for most existing overages are not necessary. However, a new or revised waiver must be requested in the rare case that the Final Revised AHVP FY22 Ceiling Rents now creates a new overage where none previously existed or where a lesser overage previously existed.

Please contact Stephanie Kan, AHVP & DMHRSP Coordinator, at Stephanie.Kan@mass.gov or 617-573-1222 with any questions or concerns.