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

To: Emergency Assistance Staff & Providers
From: Janelle Chan, DHCD Undersecretary
Date: November 29, 2018
RE: UW-1, Universal Waiver of EA Regulations, $2,500 asset limit

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Pursuant to Outside Section 53 to the FY19 state budget (Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018), for ease of implementation of the Emergency Assistance (EA) program and to further the fundamental principles of the EA program, anything to the contrary in 760 CMR Ch. 67 notwithstanding, the provision of 760 CMR § 67.02(6)(a) providing that the upper limit of a household's total countable assets shall be $2,500 is hereby waived and the limit increased to $5,000 to bring it into parity with the current asset limits of the Department of Transitional Assistance's Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children program.

This universal waiver shall be in effect until further notice by the Department.