LHA Letterhead

Notice of Temporary Adjustment to Rent Due to State COVID-19 Policy

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The Housing Authority has been instructed by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to review tenant rents for the months of April, May, June and July, 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

DHCD issued guidance on April 30 directing all Housing Authorities to exclude the weekly $600 federal enhanced unemployment payments from the calculation of April and May rent. For the months of June and July, DHCD’s guidance instructed all Housing Authorities to include those enhanced unemployment payments, but to cap the rent at the March 1, 2020 rental amount for all tenant households that have income from work and/or from unemployment benefits.

You are receiving this letter because our review has found that your rent will be impacted by this policy as follows:

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For August 1, 2020, your monthly rent will be the amount calculated in your most recent annual or interim rent determination, unless we notify you of a different amount.

You are reminded that you are required by your lease to report an increase of 10% or more in gross monthly household income by the seventh (7th) day of the month following the month in which the increase occurred. You must report any increase, including any changes in income, exclusions and deductions. This includes any increase due to receiving unemployment insurance benefits.

You may always request an interim rent adjustment if your gross monthly household income decreases.

Sincerely,

Preparer at LHA

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