



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
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Public Housing Notice 2021-06

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Local Housing Authorities

FROM: Ben Stone, Director, Division of Public Housing

RE: Revised Income Limits for Admission & FMRs for Continued Occupancy

DATE: May 3, 2021

Attached please find the 2021 revised income limits for admission to state-aided public housing and for participation in the Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP) which are effective April 1, 2021. Pursuant to [760 CMR 5.06](#) these income limits are set at two year intervals and are the “[Low Income Limits](#)” set by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a similarly sized household in the city or town in which the local housing authority (LHA) is located.

Generally, DHCD issues the revised income limits for admission and the current FMRs for continued occupancy effective August 1, every two years. This did not occur in August, 2020. DHCD has decided to change the DHCD issuance date to April to coincide with the usual time that HUD issues income limits and fair market rents. LHAs are reminded that DHCD issuance of [income limits](#) remain in effect for [two years](#) or until DHCD issues revised income limits.

Please review the attached listing and have the appropriate area limits for your LHA adopted by the Board. Each LHA should adopt limits for each specific household size, one through eight.

Also attached are the current Fair Market Rents (FMRs) for each area. The FMRs are enclosed for your use in determining eligibility for continued occupancy. Please note that DHCD only sends the FMRs to LHAs at the time income limits [for admission](#) are issued. HUD issues the FMRs on a more frequent basis. LHAs when making determinations of eligibility [for continued occupancy](#) should use the HUD FMRs that are in effect at the time of determination. LHAs may check for the most up-to-date FMRS at this link. https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2021/select_Geography.odn

The current HUD MSA Community Listing showing each municipality that comprises a specific area within a “HUD Metro FMR Area” or within a “Metropolitan Statistical Area” (MSA) can be found at pages 32-34 within the following: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il21/area-definitions-FY21.pdf>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your housing management specialist.