



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Charles D. Baker, Governor ♦ Karyn E. Polito, Lt. Governor ♦ Jennifer D. Maddox, Undersecretary

March 23, 2020

To all Local Housing Authorities

Re: Waiver of 2020 Annual Rent Determinations in State-Aided Public Housing

The Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) is hereby waiving its regulation at 760 CMR 6.04(4) in order to allow Local Housing Authorities (LHAs) to forgo annual rent redeterminations in all state-aided public housing programs for calendar year 2020. All LHAs scheduled to conduct rent redeterminations in 2020, including any that previously received a deferral from 2019, may defer rent redeterminations until 2021.

The reason for this regulatory waiver is to ease the administrative burden on LHA staff as well as to minimize the number of in person contacts with tenants during the COVID-19 public health emergency. This waiver shall take effect immediately and shall apply to any LHA administering state-aided public housing and to any annual or biennial rent determinations or redeterminations scheduled to be conducted in the year 2020.

If you have questions, please contact Laura Taylor, Director of Bureau of Housing Management, at [Laura.Taylor@Mass.Gov](mailto:Laura.Taylor@Mass.Gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer D. Maddox".

Jennifer D. Maddox  
Undersecretary