

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## **Public Housing Notice 2015-02**

TO: All Local Housing Authorities

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RE: Impending Blizzard DATE: January 26, 2015

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The weather forecast indicates Massachusetts will experience a severe and potentially historic storm Monday afternoon through Wednesday morning. I encourage you to check on your residents, particularly senior citizens throughout the coming days to ensure that they have adequate heat and hot water as well as other necessary supports. Please keep in mind the safety of you and your staff when checking on your residents, given the state of emergency issued by the Governor.

As your LHA executes its emergency response plan, please work in concert with your community's local emergency management response team to address collective needs.

LHAs sustaining blizzard related property damage at state-aided public housing should file claims immediately with the Sullivan Group at 508-471-9022 as you would for any property damage claim. The sooner, the better, because property adjusters may be busy and it may take longer than usual for them to schedule their site visit.

A property claims adjuster representing the insurer should arrive to assess damages within 48 hours, if not, please follow-up with Stephanie Giancola at DHCD. Please email Stephanie at <a href="mailto:stephanie.giancola@state.ma.us">stephanie.giancola@state.ma.us</a> of both the LHA's loss and in the event of any difficulties that may arise.

Thanking you in advance for your continuing efforts to keep residents and property safe, particularly as you respond to the impending arrival of this severe storm.