



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

October 26, 2020

To: All Local Housing Authorities

Re: Waiver of Senior Wage Exclusion to Apply to Unemployment Insurance, Workers' Compensation, and Short and Long-Term Disability

The Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") is hereby waiving certain requirements under [760 CMR 6.05\(2\)\(e\)](#) in order to exclude from the calculation of gross household income unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, and short-term and long-term disability earned by tenants and household members age 62 or older up to the senior wage exclusion limit.

Presently, 760 CMR 6.05(3)(p) excludes from the calculation of gross household income wages and/or salary earned by tenants and household members aged 62 or older, not to exceed the total amount that would have been earned by a person working twenty hours per week at the minimum wage specified in M.G.L. c. 151, § 1. Tenants and household members aged 62 or older receiving income from unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, and short-term and long-term disability currently do not receive a similar income exclusion from the calculation of gross household income.

DHCD hereby waives the requirements of 760 CMR 6.05(2)(e) for tenants and household members age 62 or older so that those tenants and household members shall not have included in the calculation of gross household income any income received from unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, and short-term and long-term disability up to the total amount that would have been earned by a person working twenty hours per week at the minimum wage specified in M.G.L. c. 151, § 1. This waiver does not apply to Social Security Disability Insurance. If the household member has income from more than one of the above sources, the wage exclusion should apply to the total income from these sources, not to each.

This waiver shall take effect immediately for all rent determinations after date of publication and shall apply to any LHA administering state-aided public housing.

If you have questions, please contact Chris Devore, Assistant Director, Bureau of Housing Management, at [christine.devore@Mass.Gov](mailto:christine.devore@Mass.Gov).

Sincerely,

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

Jennifer D. Maddox  
Undersecretary