



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Public Housing Notice 2013-27

To: All Local Housing Authority Executive Directors

From: Lizbeth Heyer

Re: Landlord Reference from Local Housing Authorities for FY14 MRVPs

Date: November 15, 2013

In FY14, DHCD has awarded an additional 1,000 MRVPs targeted to both homeless families in shelters and those families transitioning off of short-term rental assistance programs (HomeBASE and MEOP) with disabilities.

Since many of these families are currently in EA shelters and others are facing the expiration of their HomeBASE or MEOP rental assistance, it is critical that these vouchers are issued quickly. Expedited issuance will allow families to rapidly rehouse from shelter or, in the case of HomeBASE and MEOP families, potentially use their MRVP in their current unit without having to move and disrupt their families.

The Regional Administering Agencies (RAAs) are administering these vouchers and will be conducting all verifications. DHCD is requesting that all LHA's prioritize and expedite any requests from the RAAs for landlord reference of previous public housing tenancies so that the issuance of the MRVP to the family is not delayed.

Thank you for your partnership in this important initiative to stabilize families currently in HomeBASE, MEOP and shelter.