



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
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Public Housing Notice 2014-22

TO: All Local Housing Authority Executive Directors

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SUBJECT: Applicants for State-Aided Public Housing and the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program Receiving HomeBASE Assistance

DATE: November 3, 2014

This notice effectively renews PHN 2013-06, regarding applicants for state-aided public housing or MRVP receiving assistance under the HomeBASE program. Effective July 1, 2013, all applicants for state-aided public housing or MRVP who otherwise qualify for emergency case status will retain or be granted emergency case status notwithstanding receipt of HomeBASE Household Assistance. This is required in a regularly renewed proviso to line item 7004-0099 of the annual state budget, and cannot be waived by DHCD.

The inclusion of the HomeBASE program furthers the Commonwealth's work to reduce dependency on homeless shelters. Any household applying for state-aided public housing or MRVP must complete a Universal Standard Application and a Universal Emergency Application. Housing authorities will continue to process the application in accordance with current procedures to determine whether the applicant is eligible and qualified for housing.

If you have any questions, please contact your Housing Management Specialist.