To: Local Housing Authority Executive Directors

From: Amy Stitely, Associate Director, Division of Public Housing

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Re: Promulgation of Amendments to Regulation CMR 6.00

This February of this year, Amendments to 760 CMR 6.00 were filed with the Office of the Secretary of State. The amendments to the regulation went into effect March 9, 2018. You will find the final promulgated copy of the regulations on the Trial Court website at https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/03/14/760cmr6.pdf.

A summary of substantial changes to the regulation is given below:

- Definitions – Define “Total Disability Veterans Compensation.”

- Exclusions from Gross Household Income – Define terms for exclusion of Total Disability Veterans Compensation in excess of $1,800 per month. Require continued discretionary exclusion of same income in excess of $1,800 per year if an LHA, prior to October 6, 2016, granted such exclusion to a tenant.

- Exclusions from Gross Household Income – Exclude transitional support services stipends for work related expenses.

- LTO Recognition – Clarify requirements for changing LTO written rules or by-laws.

- LTO Board – Clarify that the tenant association’s by-laws shall establish a procedure for electing officers.

- Recognition of LTO - Sets a time limit of 90 days for LHA to recognize qualified LTO.