

Public Meeting on the Proposed Rule

U. S. Department of Energy
Weatherization Assistance Program
and
U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

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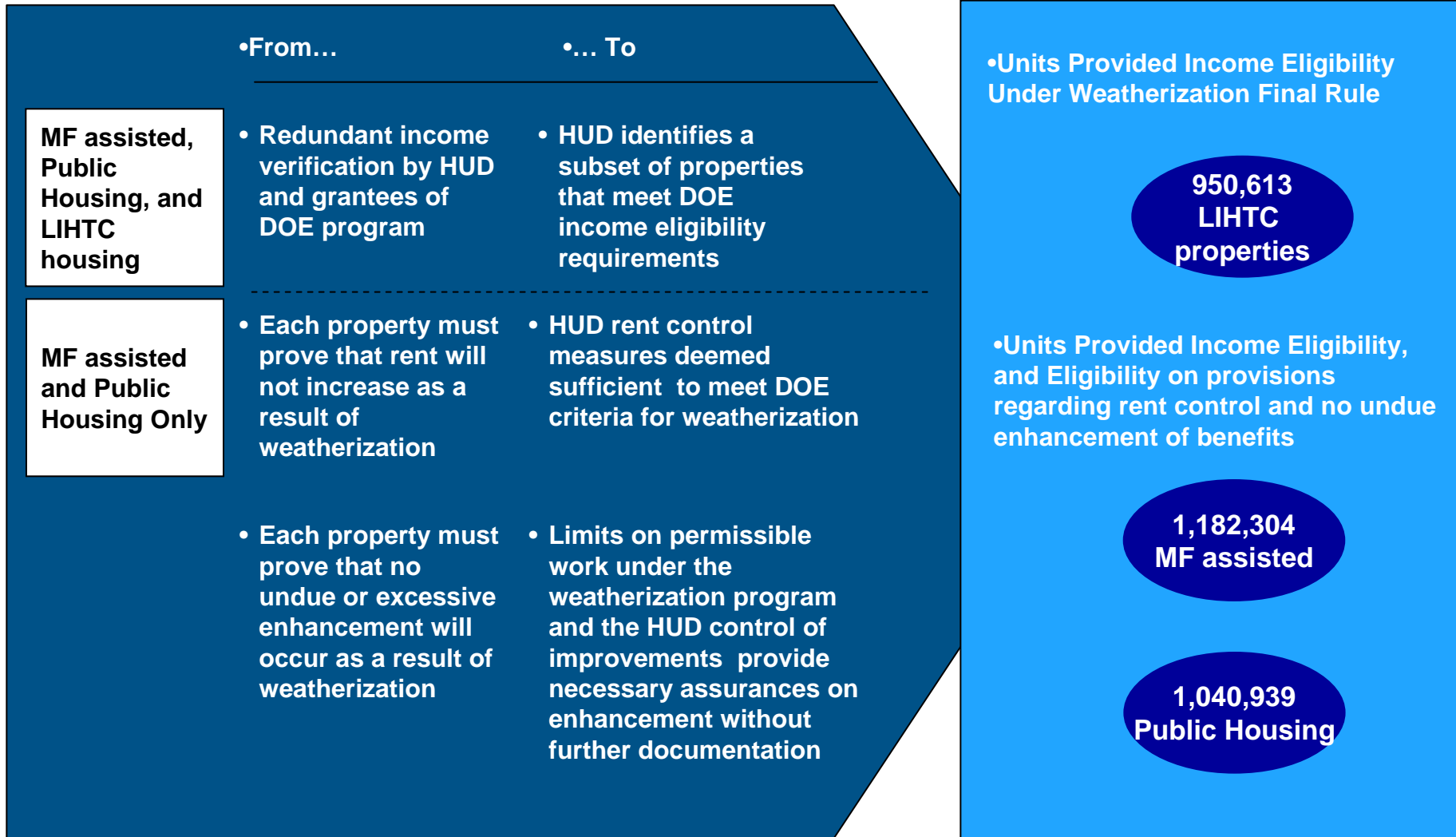
Weatherization Basics

- The purpose of the Weatherization Assistance Program is to develop and implement an assistance program to
 - increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons,
 - reduce their total residential energy expenditures, and
 - improve their health and safety, especially low-income persons who are particularly vulnerable such as the elderly, the handicapped, and children. (42 U.S.C. 6861(b))
- The Weatherization Assistance Program statute recognizes that single-family dwelling units are potentially high energy consuming dwelling units, and grantees should consider appropriate prioritization for such units. (42 U.S.C. 6864(b)(2))
- The statute also recognizes that in some instances, weatherization efforts under the program may be appropriate for buildings in which there are multiple rental units. (42 U.S.C. 6863(b)(5))

- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to amend the eligibility provisions applicable to multi-unit buildings under the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons.
- DOE believes that the proposed rule would reduce the procedural burdens on evaluating applications from buildings that are part of HUD qualified assisted and public housing programs, and the U. S. Treasury low-income housing tax credit programs.
- Proposed Federal Rule comment period ends July 06, 2009

- If a multi-unit building is under an assisted or public housing program and is identified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and included on a list published by DOE, that building would meet certain income eligibility requirements, and the procedural requirements to protect against rent increases and undue enhancement of the weatherized building would be satisfied, under the Weatherization Assistance Program without the need for further evaluation or verification.
- If a multi-unit building includes units that participate in the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, identified by HUD, and included on a list published by DOE, that building would meet the income eligibility requirements of the Weatherization Assistance Program without the need for further evaluation or verification.

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DOE & HUD MOU

An Opportunity for Agencies to Collaborate and Help Working Families Weatherize Their Homes in Multi-Unit Buildings

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DOE and HUD signed at Cabinet Meeting on May 06, 2009
 - Could influence delivery of \$16 B in Recovery Funds at the two agencies
- Secretaries Chu and Donovan commit to lowering qualification hurdles to using Weatherization funds with HUD funds for Assisted Housing, Qualified Low Income and Low Income Housing Tax Credits
 - States already performing work in multi-unit buildings dedicate up to 34% of their annual effort in these facilities
 - Will contribute significantly to achieving 1,000,000 weatherized homes
- Future Activities:
 - States will receive additional guidance/regulation
 - Stakeholder Outreach and Forums being planned by HUD/DOE