

July 16, 2010

TO: State Directors  
Rural Development

ATTN: Multi-Family Housing Program Directors

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Administrator  
Housing and Community Facilities Programs

SUBJECT: Multi-Family Housing Income Limits

On June 2, 2010, a Special Procedure Notice was issued that contained the new income limits for Single Family Housing. These income limits are also to be used for the Multi-Family Housing properties.

These income limits may be different from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) income limits due to the Agency continuing with the current hold-harmless policy, based on different area definitions.

On May 17, 2010, HUD issued in the Federal Register a "Final Notice on Ending the 'Hold-Harmless' Policy in Calculating Section 8 Income Limits Under the United States Housing Act of 1937." HUD's hold-harmless policy maintained Section 8 income limits for certain areas at previously published levels when reductions would otherwise have resulted from changes in median family income estimates, housing cost adjustment data, median family income update methodology, income limit methodology, or metropolitan area definitions.

As part of the final notice, HUD stated that the income limits for the USDA housing programs will continue with using the current hold-harmless policy, based on different area definitions.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact Stephanie White, Director of the Multifamily Housing Programs' Portfolio Management Division, at (202) 720-1615 or Janet Stouder, Deputy Director, at (202) 720-9728.

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