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Dear Owner:

This letter is to provide you with updated information as to temporary changes to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program to protect owners, participants and HA staff.

As you know the HHA is providing service in a manner to limit in person contact. Where possible services will be performed by mail, e mail, telephone and fax. The HHA has amended our policies to accept electronic signatures and alternative forms of documentation where possible during this pandemic.

Last year we informed you of some temporary changes to the program approved by HUD, the majority of these changes are still in place and the dates have been extended by HUD. Recent changes include a requirement that the HHA obtain a certification associated with the use of the biennial inspections waver and the HHA has not extended the family absence from the unit waiver due to its lack of use. If you do not still have it, the original letters sent to you they are posted on our web site at hudsonhousingauthorty.org. The extended dates are also on our web site in a checklist form which was provided by HUD. This website also contains additional covid-19 resources and information. Please contact the HHA if you have any questions on this information.

For Covid-19 information and updates

See <u>https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information</u>. You may also dial 211 for real-time COVID-19 information, resources, and referrals in multiple languages. Resources are also available at <u>https://mass211.org/</u>. For additional information in disease control and prevention go to <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</u>. For information from HUD go to <u>https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/covid_19_resources.</u>

On behalf of the HHA, thank you for your patience and cooperation during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Jaclyn Beaulieu Executive Director