

# **HomeOwnership Announcement**

June 18, 2020

This Announcement provides updates and reminders on the following topics:

- 1. New Income Limits and forms
- 2. CU Risk Scores
- 3. COVID-19 related flexibilities
- 4. FHA Mortgage Insurance Certificates

### **New Income Limits:**

NEW income limits will be **EFFECTIVE** for all loans locked on or after **June 20**, **2020** for the following products:

- MassHousing Mortgage Conventional
- MassHousing Mortgage FHA Insured
- Operations Welcome Home
- MassHousing Workforce Advantage Conventional

We will update Form L-101MHM and Form L-101WFA to reflect the new income limits and post on emasshousing.com on the effective date.





#### **CU Risk Scores of 4 and Above:**

MassHousing is recognizing an increase in data integrity and overvaluation messages found in the Submission Summary Report "SSR" during our prepurchase loan reviews. Effective immediately, all loans with CU risk score of 4 and above will now receive a "Refer" recommendation in emasshousing.com

Lenders will submit a colored copy of the appraisal and the Fannie/Freddie UCDP SSR to <a href="mailto:holoanreview@masshousing.com">holoanreview@masshousing.com</a> for review prior to approval of the loan by our business portal.

## **Updated Guidance on Temporary Flexibilities:**

MassHousing is aligning with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's **extension** to flexibilities announced in the revised <u>Lender Letters 2020-03</u>, <u>2020-04 all updated June 11th</u> and <u>Bulletin 2020-23 dated June 11th</u>, except for the Power of Attorney flexibilities (we have not changed our existing guidelines - referenced in our Seller Guide Section 3.3.7). COVID-19 flexibilities remain eligible for applications with dates on or before **August 31**, **2020**. Our previous Announcements <u>2020.06</u>, <u>2020.08</u> and <u>2020.10</u> are updated accordingly however, we will not be updating our Seller Guide to reflect these temporary changes.





## **Outstanding FHA Mortgage Insurance Certificates:**

MassHousing is experiencing an increase in the number of outstanding FHA Mortgage Insurance Certificates. As stated in our Seller Guide (Section 6.2.4), lenders are required to submit a certificate within 90 days of purchase. Please use MetaWorx to track outstanding trailing documents-including FHA Mortgage Insurance Certificates-for submission of overdue documents.

MassHousing will continue to monitor market conditions and will communicate any future changes to the terms of this Announcement. Please contact us at 888-843-6432 option 4, and/or your Relationship Manager for assistance.

