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Project Managers
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Owners, Management Agents Administering
Multifamily Housing Assistance Programs

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Subject: Exclusion from Annual Income of Temporary Employment from the U.S. Census Bureau

I. <u>Purpose</u>

This notice provides for the exclusion of temporary employment payments received from the U.S. Census Bureau from annual income.

II. Background

Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States calls for an actual enumeration of the people every ten years to be used for appointment of seats in the House of Representatives among the states. Many individuals are hired temporarily by the U.S. Census Bureau to assist in counting the population. As one of the Census partners, HUD is committed to supporting such employment that will help to ensure the validity and accuracy of the census counts. Previously, recipients of rental assistance have declined employment due to the perceived impact to rental and other public assistance benefits.

III. Applicability

This Notice applies to administrators of the following programs:

A. Project-based Section 8

- 1. New Construction
- 2. State Agency Financed
- 3. Substantial Rehabilitation
- 4. Section 202/8
- 5. Rural Housing Services Section 515/8
- 6. Loan Management Set-Aside (LMSA)
- 7. Property Disposition Set-Aside (PDSA)

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- B. Rent Supplement
- C. Rental Assistance Payment (RAP)
- D. Section 202/162 Project Assistance Contract (PAC)
- E. Section 202 Project Rental Assistance Contract (PRAC)
- F. Section 811 PRAC
- G. Section 236
- H. Section 221(d)(3) Below Market Interest Rate (BMIR)

IV. Implementation

Pursuant to Section 24 CFR §5.609(c)(9), owners and management agents of housing occupied by tenants who receive Section 8 benefits are to exclude from the calculation of annual income any temporary income payments received by those tenants from the U.S. Census Bureau. Temporary is defined as employment lasting no longer than 180 days and not culminating in permanent employment. Employer verification of both the employment dates and income amount must be maintained in the tenant's file.

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