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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE LIST ATTACHED

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SUBJECT: "Uncapped" Income Limits for 2009

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Title V of Public Law 105-276) enacted a provision that directed the Department to grant exceptions to at least 10 jurisdictions that are currently "capped" under HUD's low-and moderate-income limits. Currently under this exception, a total of 79 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement grantees and 46 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) participating jurisdictions may use "uncapped" income limits that reflect 80 percent of the actual median income for the area.

The attachment to this memorandum provides the 2009 "uncapped" income limits for the jurisdictions covered by this exception. The "uncapped" income limits for 2000 – 2009 are also included on the attachment. The highlighted uncapped income limits for the Orange County, San Francisco and San Jose Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) are lower than the normal, formula-based low-income limits. These calculations are described in HUD's FY 2009 Income Limits Briefing Material, which may be obtained at:

http://www.huduser.org/datasets/il/il/09/incomelimitsbriefingmaterial.pdf. Please ensure that grantees that choose to use the "uncapped" income limits for some or all of their HOME or CDBG-assisted activities reflect this determination in their Consolidated Plan/Action Plans.

The use of "low-income limits" in the attachment is a reference to the Section 8 low-income limits (i.e., 80 percent of the median income for the area). These are the income limits established by HUD and referred to in the definition of low-and moderate-income person in the CDBG regulations at 24 CFR 570.3, and in the definition of low-income families in the HOME regulations at 24 CFR 92.2.

If you have any questions, please contact the Entitlement Communities Division at (202) 708-1577 or the Office of Affordable Housing Programs at (202) 402-4588.

Attachments