**Exhibit 7-1: Annual Recertification Initial Notice**

Initial Notice [To be signed by resident and owner at initial certification and at subsequent recertifications].

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| Tenant’s Name |  | Date |
| Address | | |

Dear :

As stated in paragraph [15, 10, or 9—indicate the paragraph number that corresponds to the paragraph of the model lease being used for the tenant] of your lease, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that we review your income and family composition every year to redetermine rent and assistance levels.

To complete our review of your income and family composition, you must meet with (Resident Manager, Occupancy Clerk, etc.) and supply the required documents and information each year. (The Resident Manager, Occupancy Clerk, etc.) will conduct your recertification interviews in (month and year). We will send you a reminder notice when it is time for your next recertification interview. At that time, you must contact (the Resident Manager, Occupancy Clerk, etc.) to schedule an appointment for an interview.

\*\*Cooperation with the recertification requirement is a condition of continued program participation. You must report the required information and provide the required signatures to enable the owner to process the recertification by the (insert the 10th day of the 11th month after the last annual recertification).\*\*

When you attend the interview, you must bring the following information: (List all required information.)

I have read and understand this letter describing the requirement for my participation in an annual recertification interview.

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| Signature of the Head of Family |  | Date |
| Signature of Witness |  | Date |

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