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AMENDED Dear Lender Letter 2022-01

To: All Tribes
    All Tribally Designated Housing Entities
    All Section 184 Approved Lenders and Servicers
    All Section 184A Approved Lenders and Servicers

Subject

COVID-19 Recovery Loss Mitigation Options

Purpose

The purpose of this Dear Lender Letter (DLL) is to restate the COVID-19 loss mitigation options for the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee (Section 184) and Section 184A Native Hawaiian Home Loan Guarantee (Section 184A) programs, including three new loss mitigation options.

Effective Date

The policies in this DLL may be implemented immediately but must be implemented no later than March 20, 2022.

Public Feedback

HUD welcomes feedback from interested parties for a period of 30 calendar days from the date of issuance. To provide feedback on this policy document, please send feedback to the Office of Loan Guarantee at Section184Comments@HUD.gov. HUD will consider the feedback in determining the need for future updates.

Affected Programs

This guidance applies to the Section 184 and Section 184A programs. This DLL supersedes DLLs 2020-06, 2021-02, 2021-06 and 2021-11.

Background

In support of the goal of achieving broad economic recovery following the pandemic, HUD’s Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) established expanded COVID-19 loss mitigation options to address the impacts many Americans are experiencing in recovering financially from the long-lasting effects of the pandemic. Under 12 USC 1715z-13a(h)(1)(B), the holder of the loan guarantee must exhaust all reasonable possibilities of collection when the borrower is in default. HUD is defining all reasonable possibilities of collection
to include the following loss mitigation, forbearance, and loan modification options. These options were published in DLLs 2020-06, 2021-02, 2021-06 and 2021-11.

ONAP continues to evaluate both the effects of the pandemic on its portfolio as well as the economic indicators of the broader recovery. While economic indicators are trending positive, ONAP has determined that given the nature of COVID-19 hardships homeowners have faced, broader payment relief may be necessary to support a sustained and equitable recovery as well as to protect the Loan Guarantee Fund (LGF).

With these goals in mind, ONAP evaluated ways to streamline the existing loss mitigation options and has created three new COVID-19 loss mitigation options, which are presented in this DLL, along with a restatement of existing COVID-19 loss mitigation options so that these policies are available in one DLL. The new loss mitigation options established in this DLL will provide a path to deep and sustained recovery for Borrowers who were significantly impacted by the pandemic. The pandemic has caused a lengthy period of instability that has deeply impacted homeowners requiring a streamlined approach to ensure Borrowers remain in their homes whenever possible.

ONAP anticipates the three new COVID-19 loss mitigation options will particularly help low-income households, first-time homeowners, and native households that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. ONAP encourages Lenders and Borrowers alike to utilize the extensive network of Housing Counselors to help explain and expedite this additional relief.

Summary of Changes

This DLL consolidates all COVID-19 loss mitigation options available to Section 184 and Section 184A Borrowers, which were issued in various DLLs, into a single DLL.

This DLL also establishes three new loss mitigation options for Borrowers impacted by COVID-19:

- The COVID-19 Native Advance Loan Modification
- The COVID-19 Recovery Loss Mitigation Advance
- The COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification

This DLL mandates the use of the most recent Freddie Mac Weekly Primary Mortgage Market Survey (PMMS) interest rate, rounded to the nearest one-eighth of 1 percent (0.125 percent) for the COVID-19 Native Advance Loan Modification and for the COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification.

This DLL requires Lenders to inform Borrowers suffering financial distress of the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) and the possible availability of assistance in their state.

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**COVID-19 Loss Mitigation Options**

Borrowers in the Section 184 and Section 184A programs have the following COVID-19 Loss Mitigation Options:

- **COVID-19 Forbearance.** The COVID-19 Forbearance provides Borrowers who experience an adverse impact on their ability to make on-time Loan payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic with a forbearance period, which allows for one or more periods of reduced or suspended payments without specific terms of repayment. This relief was first established in DLL 2020-06 on May 19, 2020 and is being continued in this DLL.

- **The COVID-19 Native Advance Loan Modification (COVID-19 Native ALM).** The COVID-19 Native ALM is proactively offered to eligible delinquent Borrowers who can achieve a minimum 25 percent reduction in the Principal and Interest (P&I) portion of the Borrower’s monthly Loan payment through a 30-year rate and term Loan Modification that includes arrearages.

- **COVID-19 Recovery Loss Mitigation Advance (COVID-19 Recovery LMA).** The COVID-19 Recovery LMA is a zero-interest subordinate lien for arrearages for Borrowers who can return to making their existing Loan payments after Forbearance or Default. *The COVID-19 Recovery LMA replaces the COVID-19 National Emergency Forbearance Loss Mitigation Advance established in DLL 2020-06.*

- **The COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification.** The COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification includes a Loss Mitigation Advance for arrearages and a Loan Modification with a targeted 25 percent P&I reduction for Borrowers who are unable to return to their existing Loan payments.
Lenders and Servicers must ensure all Borrowers are informed of all available relief options presented in this DLL. Lenders may utilize any acceptable methods for communicating with Borrowers regarding possible COVID-19 loss mitigation options.

Acceptable methods of communication are emails, texts, fax, teleconferencing, Lender or Servicer’s websites, or sending out a general communication advising Borrowers of possible COVID-19 loss mitigation options.

At a minimum, Lenders should reach out to the following groups of Borrowers:

- Outreach to all Borrowers by public posting
- Outreach to all Borrowers currently in default
- Outreach to all Borrowers being evaluated for or currently in a loss mitigation plan

**Homeowner Assistance Fund.** The Lender must inform Borrowers, utilizing any acceptable method of communication, that they can apply for the Department of Treasury’s Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF), if HAF is available in their jurisdiction.

As permitted by the jurisdiction’s HAF program, HAF funds may be used in connection with the Borrower’s Section 184 or Section 184A Loan in a manner consistent with the respective loan documents and Section 184 or Section 184A requirements.


A COVID-19 Forbearance allows Borrowers to pause or reduce Loan payments for a period of time. The Borrower is still responsible for any arrearages that occur during the forbearance period. A COVID-19 Forbearance is initiated at the Borrower’s request and is available to any Borrower that experiences an adverse impact on their ability to make on-time Loan payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic, regardless of default status.

The term of the initial and any additional COVID-19 Forbearance period may be shortened at the Borrower’s request.

The Lender must waive all late charges, fees, and penalties, if any, as long as the Borrower is on a COVID-19 Forbearance Plan.

No COVID-19 Forbearance period may extend beyond six months after the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency or September 30, 2022, whichever is later.
COVID-19 Forbearance Period, Based on Date of Initial COVID-19 Forbearance

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(1) Initial COVID-19 Forbearance Requested on or before June 30, 2020

The initial COVID-19 Forbearance period may be up to six months. If needed, an additional COVID-19 Forbearance period of up to six months may be requested by the Borrower and must be approved by the Lender. After 12 months of COVID-19 Forbearance, if needed, the Borrower may request, and the Lender must approve, up to two additional three-month COVID-19 Forbearance extension periods. Each three-month extension must be requested individually. Neither of the two additional three-month extension periods may extend beyond December 31, 2021. The maximum COVID-19 Forbearance period for these Borrowers is 18 months.
(2) Initial COVID-19 Forbearance Requested between July 1, 2020, and September 30, 2020

The initial COVID-19 Forbearance period may be up to six months. If needed, an additional COVID-19 Forbearance period of up to six months may be requested by the Borrower and must be approved by the Lender. After 12 months of COVID-19 Forbearance, if needed, the Borrower may request, and the Lender must approve, one additional three-month COVID-19 Forbearance extension period. The additional three-month extension period must not extend beyond December 31, 2021. The maximum COVID-19 Forbearance period for these Borrowers is 15 months.

(3) Initial COVID-19 Forbearance Requested between October 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021

The initial COVID-19 Forbearance period may be up to six months. If needed, an additional COVID-19 Forbearance period of up to six months may be requested by the Borrower and must be approved by the Lender. The COVID-19 Forbearance must not extend beyond June 30, 2022. The maximum COVID-19 Forbearance period for these Borrowers is 12 months.

(4) Initial COVID-19 Forbearance Requested between July 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021

The initial COVID-19 Forbearance period may be up to six months. If needed, an additional COVID-19 Forbearance period of up to six months may be requested by the Borrower and must be approved by the Lender. This COVID-19 Forbearance period must not extend beyond September 30, 2022. The maximum COVID-19 Forbearance period for these Borrowers is 12 months.

(5) Initial COVID-19 Forbearance Requested between October 1, 2021 and the End of the COVID-19 National Emergency

The initial COVID-19 Forbearance period may be up to six months. If needed, an additional COVID-19 Forbearance period of up to six months may be requested by the Borrower and must be approved by the Lender if:

- the Borrower has utilized a full six months of initial COVID-19 Forbearance; and
- the initial COVID-19 Forbearance will expire on or before the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency.

This COVID-19 Forbearance period must not extend beyond six months after the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency or September 30, 2022, whichever is later. The maximum COVID-19 Forbearance period for these Borrowers is 12 months.
A COVID-19 Native ALM is a permanent change in one or more terms of a Borrower’s Loan that achieves a minimum 25 percent reduction in the Borrower’s monthly P&I payment. The COVID-19 Native ALM includes any arrearages the Borrower may have and is not incentivized.

**Eligibility.** To be eligible for a COVID-19 Native ALM the Borrower’s Section 184 or Section 184A loan must be 90 or more days past due and the Property must be owner-occupied.

**Lender Requirements.** Lenders must review Borrowers for the COVID-19 Native ALM as follows:

- Borrowers on a COVID-19 Forbearance who are 90 days or more delinquent must be reviewed within 30 days of the expiration of the forbearance. If a Borrower’s COVID-19 Forbearance ends after the termination of the COVID-19 National Emergency, these Borrowers may still receive a COVID-19 Native ALM.
- Borrowers who are 90 or more days delinquent before the end of the National Emergency and not on a COVID-19 Forbearance must be considered for a COVID-19 ALM through the termination of the COVID-19 National Emergency.
- Lenders have 120 days to execute a COVID-19 Native ALM or other loss mitigation activity from the end of a Borrowers’ COVID-19 Forbearance or from the date a Borrower was 90 days delinquent.

If the Borrower qualifies for a COVID-19 Native ALM, the Lender must:

- prepare and send out the Loan Modification documents to the Borrower; and
- provide a cover letter that includes:
  - an explanation of terms including the modified Loan payment amount;
  - the date the next payment is due;
  - a statement that no lump sum payment is required;
  - a statement that if the Borrower does not accept this offer, this does not prevent them from being evaluated for and potentially obtaining another loss mitigation option to bring their Loan current;
  - a statement that the Borrower must sign and return the Loan Modification documents within 30 Days of receipt of the documents; and
  - information for the Borrower to contact the Lender, if needed.

The Lender does not have to contact the Borrower prior to reviewing the Borrower for the COVID-19 Native ALM or sending out the Loan Modification documents.
Borrowers who do not qualify for a COVID-19 Native ALM (the modified loan does not result in a minimum 25 percent P&I monthly payment reduction) or who do not elect to participate in the COVID-19 Native ALM documents must be evaluated for a COVID-19 Recovery Loss Mitigation Advance or a Recovery Native Loan Modification.

Terms. The Lender must ensure that COVID-19 Native ALM meets the following criteria:

- the COVID-19 Native ALM achieves a minimum 25 percent P&I monthly payment reduction;
- the modified Loan is a fixed rate loan;
- the interest rate of the modified Loan is the Freddie Mac Weekly Primary Mortgage Market Survey (PMMS) Rate rounded to the nearest one-eighth of 1 percent (0.125 percent);
- the term for the modified Loan is 360 months;
- the COVID-19 Native ALM only capitalizes arrearages, which refers to any amounts needed to bring the Borrower current and includes:
  - unpaid accrued interest;
  - Lender advances for escrow items;
  - projected escrow shortage amount;
  - related legal fees and foreclosure and bankruptcy costs not higher than the foreclosure-related fees and costs HUD has identified as customary and reasonable; and
  - an additional month in the total outstanding debt to be resolved, to allow time for the Borrower to return the executed Loan Modification documents before the modified Loan payment begins;
- the COVID-19 Native ALM fully reinstates the Loan; and
- all late charges, fees, and penalties are waived except that Lenders are not required to waive Late Charges, fees, and penalties, if any, accumulated prior to March 1, 2020.

HUD does not provide a model for COVID-19 Native ALM documents, but the Lender must ensure the Section 184 or Section 184A Loan remains in first lien position and is legally enforceable.
Servicing File. For those Borrowers that were sent an offer for a COVID-19 Native ALM, a copy of the cover letter and Loan Modification documents, including evidence of the Freddie Mac weekly PMMS used, must be retained in the Servicing File.

Additionally, if the Borrower accepts the COVID-19 Native ALM, copies of the executed Loan Modification documents must be included in the Servicing File.

Lender Requirements. If a Borrower did not qualify for or did not accept a COVID-19 Native ALM, the Lender must review the following Borrowers for a COVID-19 Recovery Loss Mitigation Advance or Recovery Native Loan Modification (COVID-19 Recovery Options):

Borrowers who were on a COVID-19 Forbearance. The Lender must review all Borrowers who were on a COVID-19 Forbearance after the completion or expiration of the Borrower’s forbearance period. Lenders may review the Borrower for the COVID-19 Recovery Options prior to the completion or expiration of the Borrower’s forbearance period.

The Lender must complete a loss mitigation option for these Borrowers no later than 120 days from the earlier of the date of completion or expiration of the COVID-19 Forbearance.

If a Borrower’s COVID-19 Forbearance ends after the termination of the COVID-19 National Emergency, these Borrowers may still receive a COVID-19 Recovery Option.

Borrowers who are not on a COVID-19 Forbearance. The Lender must review all Borrowers who did not participate in a COVID-19 Forbearance when the Borrower is 90 or more days past due and the Borrower affirms they have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. These Borrowers may receive a COVID-19 Recovery Option through the termination of the COVID-19 National Emergency.

The Lender must complete a loss mitigation option for these Borrowers no later than 120 days from the date of the Borrower’s request for loss mitigation assistance.

The Lender must document the date of the Borrower’s request for loss mitigation assistance in the Servicing File.
**Re-Review of Borrowers.** The Lender must re-review the following Borrowers and implement the COVID-19 Recovery Options no later than 90 days after publication of this DLL, if:

- the Borrower has not yet signed the final loss mitigation documents and requests a review for COVID-19 Recovery options;
- the Borrower was not eligible for a COVID-19 Loss Mitigation Advance; or
- the Borrower’s payments became past due as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic after reinstating using a loss mitigation option.

The Lender must complete a loss mitigation option for these Borrowers no later than 120 days from the earlier of the date of completion or expiration of the COVID-19 Forbearance or 120 days from the date of the Borrower’s request for loss mitigation assistance.

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**COVID-19 Recovery Loss Mitigation Advance (COVID-19 Recovery LMA).**

The COVID-19 Recovery LMA reinstates the Section 184 or Section 184A Loan through the use of a loss mitigation advance for Borrowers impacted by COVID-19 who are able to resume their monthly Loan payments.

To preserve flexibility to provide loss mitigation options for natural disasters and other default episodes that may arise in the future, the COVID-19 Recovery LMA is limited to 25 percent of the Borrower’s unpaid principal balance as of the date of default at the time of the initial LMA.

**Eligibility.** The Lender must ensure that:

- a Borrower’s loan is 90 or more days past due;
- the Borrower affirms that they have been negatively impacted by COVID-19;
- the Borrower indicates they have the ability to resume making on-time Loan payments; and
- the Property is owner-occupied.

**Terms.** The Lender must ensure that:

- the COVID-19 Recovery LMA fully reinstates the Loan.
- the COVID-19 Recovery LMA amount includes only arrearages, which refers to any amounts needed to bring the Borrower current and includes:
  - Lender advances for escrow items;
  - projected escrow shortage amount; and
  - related legal fees and foreclosure and bankruptcy costs not higher than the foreclosure-related fees and costs HUD has identified as customary and reasonable.
• If a Borrower does not have an existing LMA, the COVID-19 Recovery LMA must not exceed 25 percent of the unpaid principal balance as of the date of default.

• If a Borrower has an existing LMA(s), the Lender must:
  o calculate 25 percent of the unpaid principal balance as of the date of default for the initial LMA; and
  o subtract the outstanding balance of the previous LMA(s) to determine the available amount that can be used for the COVID-19 Recovery LMA.

• The Lender must waive all late charges and penalties. Lenders are not required to waive late charges and penalties, if any, accumulated prior to March 1, 2020.

Model Documents. HUD has provided the following model documents:

• Section 184 COVID-19 Recovery Loss Mitigation Advance Promissory Note;
• Section 184 COVID-19 Recovery Loss Mitigation Advance Subordinate Mortgage/Deed of Trust; and
• Section 184A COVID-19 Recovery Loss Mitigation Advance Promissory Note.

To expedite the processing of COVID-19 Recovery LMA claims, if any, Lenders should use these model documents. If the Lender chooses to use a different document Lender must utilize documents that comply with elements of the model documents. For the COVID-19 Recovery LMA, the Section 184 Mortgage must remain in first lien position and be legally enforceable. ONAP cannot accept FHA documents.

Eligible Borrowers may receive more than one COVID-19 Recovery LMA.

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**COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification**

The COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification reinstates the Section 184 or Section 184A loan through the use of a Loss Mitigation Advance for arrearages plus a Loan Modification for Borrowers who are unable to resume their prior monthly Loan payments.

**Eligibility.** The Lender must ensure that:

• a Borrower’s loan is 90 or more days past due;
• the Borrower affirms that they have been negatively impacted by COVID-19;
• the Borrower indicates they have the ability to make the modified monthly Loan payments; and
• the Property is owner-occupied.

Eligible Borrowers may receive more than one COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification.
Calculation of Target Payment. The Target Payment for a COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification is a payment that achieves a 25 percent reduction to the P&I portion of the Borrower’s monthly Loan payment.

To arrive at the Target Payment, the Lender must apply the following steps until the Target Payment is achieved. No income documentation is required to calculate the Borrower’s modified monthly Loan payment.

Step 1 – Calculate Loss Mitigation Advance Availability

The Lender must determine the amount available for a Loss Mitigation Advance. The LMA must not exceed 25 percent of the unpaid principal balance as of the date of default.

If a Borrower has an existing LMA(s), the Lender must:

- calculate 25 percent of the unpaid principal balance as of the date of default for the initial LMA, and
- subtract the outstanding balance of the previous LMA(s) to determine the available amount that can be used for the new LMA.

Step 2 – Arrearages

The Lender must calculate the arrearages. Arrearages refers to any amounts needed to bring the Borrower current and includes:

- unpaid accrued interest;
- Lender advances for escrow items;
- projected escrow shortage amount; and
- related legal fees and foreclosure and bankruptcy costs not higher than the foreclosure-related fees and costs HUD has identified as customary and reasonable.

Lenders may include an additional month in the total outstanding debt to be resolved to allow time for the Borrower to return the executed Loan Modification documents before the modified Loan payment.

The Lender must ensure that all late charges and penalties are waived. Lenders are not required to waive late charges and penalties, if any, accumulated prior to March 1, 2020.
Step 3 – Modify the Rate and Term of the Loan

The Lender must first apply available LMA funds toward the arrearages. If the LMA funds are insufficient to cure the arrearages, then the Lender must capitalize the remaining arrearages into the modified Loan.

The Lender must then extend the term to 360 months and calculate the modified Loan payment. The interest rate of the modified Loan is no greater than the most recent PMMS Rate for 30-year fixed rate conforming Mortgages (U.S. average), rounded to the nearest one-eighth of 1 percent (0.125 percent) as of the date the Borrower is offered a COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification.

Step 4 – Principal Deferment

If the Target Payment is not achieved, the Lender must apply the remaining available LMA funds, if any, as a principal deferment on the unpaid principal balance, to achieve the Target Payment with the modified Loan.

Step 5 – Target Payment Not Achieved

If the Lender cannot achieve the Target Payment using the above steps, then the Lender must offer the Borrower the lowest monthly P&I payment that can be achieved under the COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification (NLM). If the Borrower affirms that they can make the offered payment, then the Lender must complete that option.

Terms. The Lender must ensure that:

• the modified Loan is a fixed rate Loan;
• the interest rate of the modified Loan is no greater than the most recent PMMS Rate for 30-year fixed rate conforming Mortgages (U.S. average), rounded to the nearest one-eighth of 1 percent (0.125 percent) as of the date the Borrower is offered the COVID-19 Recovery NLM;
• the LMA, as part of a COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification, does not exceed 25 percent of the unpaid principal balance as of the date of default at the time of any initial LMA less any previous LMAs paid;
• the COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification fully reinstates the Loan including all arrearages; and
• the Section 184 or 184A Loan remains in first lien position and is legally enforceable.
**Model Documents.** Since the COVID-19 Recovery Native Loan Modification includes both a loss mitigation advance and a loan modification, Lenders should use the model COVID-19 Recovery LMA documents for the loss mitigation advance portion. HUD does not provide model loan modification documents.

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**COVID-19 Recovery LMA Required Documentation and Deadline**

The Lender must submit all required documentation for COVID-19 Loss Mitigation Advance as listed below and found in the Model Loss Mitigation Advance Checklist. The Lender must retain a copy of these documents in the Servicing File.

**Required Documents:**

- Cover letter providing a brief description of the transaction and the Lender contact name, Section 184/184A case number, email address and phone number.
- Completed Form HUD-27011.
- Copy of executed COVID-19 Forbearance Agreement, if applicable.
- Lender Validation of Borrower’s request for COVID-19 Forbearance, if applicable.
- Verification of Forbearance Agreement terms and Borrower’s successful completion or termination of the Agreement, where applicable.
- Evidence of the calculations used to determine the COVID-19 Recovery LMA amount and availability.
- Borrower’s Section 184/184A Loan payment history.
- Evidence of the date the Lender received the executed COVID-19 Recovery LMA documents from the Borrower.
- Evidence of the date Section 184 Subordinate Mortgage/Deed of Trust was submitted for recordation. A Subordinate Mortgage/Deed of Trust is not required for Section 184A loans.
- Original executed Promissory Note.
- Original recorded Subordinate Mortgage/Deed of Trust. This is not required for Section 184A loans.
- Updated Title Policy or Certified Title Status Report showing recordation of Subordinate Mortgage/Deed of Trust. This is not required for Section 184A loans.

The Lender must submit a copy of these documents using ONAP’s electronic document delivery portal, Native Advantage (aka ONAP Catalyst), no later than 45 days from the date of execution.

The Lender must also deliver the original executed COVID-19 Recovery LMA Promissory Note and recorded Subordinate Mortgage/Deed of Trust...
using an overnight or two-day delivery service. Deliver the original documents to:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Native American Programs/OLG  
Attention: LMA Claims  
451 Seventh St. SW, Room 4108  
Washington, DC 20410

The Lender is automatically granted a 90-Day extension to the six-month deadline for submitting the original executed COVID-19 Recovery LMA Promissory Note and recorded Subordinate Mortgage/Deed of Trust documents to HUD.

If a Lender experiences additional delays due to circumstances beyond their control that impact the delivery of the Loss Mitigation Advance documents, Lenders may request an additional extension from HUD.

The Lender must submit the documents in the timeframe prescribed as listed above in “COVID-19 Recovery LMA Required Documentation and Deadline.” In addition, the Lender must retain the Loan Modification documents, including evidence of the Freddie Mac weekly PMMS used, in the Servicing Case Binder.

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**Extension of First Legal Deadline Date related to Foreclosure Moratorium**

Deadlines for the First Legal Action and Reasonable Diligence Time Frame for fee simple properties and the deadline for assignment to HUD for Tribal Trust properties is extended by 180 Days from the later date of either the end of the Borrower’s COVID-19 Forbearance or the expiration of the foreclosure moratorium for Section 184 and Section 184 Guaranteed Loans, except for Section 184 and Section 184A Guarantee Loans secured by vacant or abandoned Properties.

To clarify, the foreclosure moratorium ended on July 31, 2021; therefore, the deadline for the First Legal Action/assignment for Borrowers not under a COVID-19 Forbearance was January 27, 2022. Unless requested before the deadline, HUD will not consider issuing an extension of this timeframe.

If the Lender needs additional time to meet the First Legal Action/assignment deadline for Borrowers whose COVID-19 Forbearance has ended, the Lender must submit a request for an extension on HUD Form 50012 to 184Servicing@hud.gov before the expiration of the 180 days.
COVID-19 Loss Mitigation Reporting to HUD

Lenders must continue to track Borrowers with COVID-19 Loss Mitigation Options. HUD will provide updated reporting requirements under a separate Dear Lender Letter in the near future.

Questions

Any questions regarding this DLL may be directed to Krisa.M.Johnson@hud.gov

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