Date: December 20, 2013
To: All Approved Mortgagees

Mortgagee Letter 2013-45

Subject: Delay in Effective Date for Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Financial Assessment Requirements and Funding Requirements for the Payment of Property Charges

Background: In Mortgagee Letters 2013-27 and 2013-28, the Department of Housing and Urban Development issued guidance to HECM mortgagees regarding Financial Assessment Requirements and Funding Requirements for the Payment of Property Charges. The effective date for compliance with those requirements was for new HECM case numbers assigned on or after January 13, 2014.

HUD received comments after publishing the Mortgagee Letters and its Notice in the Federal Register. As a result, HUD is updating its HECM Financial Assessment Requirements and Funding Requirements for the Payment of Property Charges. HUD will issue updated guidance by Mortgagee Letter and the new guidance will be effective for HECM case numbers assigned no sooner than ninety days from the date of the Mortgagee Letter.

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