Disaster Voucher Program (DVP)
Instruction Letter #8
Extension of DVP for Pre-disaster Public Housing, Project-based, Homeless and Special Needs Housing Families

Dear Executive Director:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that DVP assistance is once again extended for pre-disaster public housing, project-based, homeless and special needs housing families that participate in the DVP. The purpose of this extension is to allow adequate time for DVP families eligible for tenant protection vouchers (TPVs) or vouchers provided through the Supplemental Appropriations Act for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 to transition to the regular Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program without a break in rental assistance.

In Notice PIH 2009-8, the Department extended the projected end date for all DVP assistance from February 28, 2009, to at least December 31, 2009. The notice also stated that the length of the extension would be dependent on the availability of funding and the number of families assisted. Based on current funding levels, the new projected end date for DVP assistance is September 30, 2010. This is the final DVP extension. The program will officially end as of September 30, 2010. A HUD notice extending DVP will be published shortly. Please visit HUD’s website, www.hud.gov, for program updates. Please note that this final extension applies only to those families already receiving DVP assistance, and does not permit any additional families to be admitted to the program.

Please notify all DVP participants and affected owners of the latest DVP extension as soon as possible. Also, please encourage DVP participants that have been determined ineligible for TPVs or vouchers from the special appropriations to apply for permanent housing assistance if needed.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Trenessa Sidney at (202) 402-4303.

Your prompt attention to this guidance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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