Subject: Treatment of Income Received from Training Programs - Housing Authority Responsibilities

1. PURPOSE: THIS NOTICE IS A REMINDER TO ALL HOUSING AUTHORITIES (HAs) of their responsibility to implement the mandatory Training Income Exclusions as discussed in the attached Notice PIH 98-2(HA) and 24 CFR Part 5 and to reflect all appropriate training income exclusions when determining tenant annual income and tenant rental charges in the public housing program and to implement the mandatory Training Income Exclusions as discussed in the attached Notice PIH 98-2(HA) and 24 CFR Part 5.

Housing Authorities have the obligation to provide training income exclusions to tenants who are or have enrolled in training programs that comply with regulatory requirements. The Department believes these exclusions are an important factor in helping residents move from welfare and dependence to greater self-sufficiency.

Because the exclusions are regulatory based, HAs must reflect the training exclusions on their rent rolls. Therefore, in the current fiscal year HAs will receive operating subsidy to offset the lower dwelling rental income that results from the exclusions. In addition, please be aware when submitting your operating subsidy requests, that due to insufficient funds, the Department will not be able to approve operating subsidy adjustments under 24 CFR 990.110(d) to cover any previous reimbursements or reduced rents due to residents, resulting from the failure of the HA to implement appropriate training income exclusions.
2. APPLICABILITY: This Notice covers the Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Assistance Program.

3. CONTACT: Questions relating to this Notice may be directed to the HUD Field Office Public Housing Directors.

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