delegation from the Secretary of HUD to the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for these residual oversight activities.

II. Authority Revoked

The Assistant Secretary for Housing and the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing—Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner (General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing) and the Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing revoke the previous redelegation of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

III. Authority Redelegated

Authority is redelegated to the General Counsel to issue a notice of violation under the terms of a regulatory agreement and a notice of default under the terms of a section 8 housing assistance payments contract, Rental Assistance Payment Contract, Project Rental Assistance Contract or Use Agreement, and to take all actions permitted under 24 CFR 30.36, 24 CFR 30.45, and 24 CFR 30.68.

IV. Authority Excepted

The authority redelegated in Section III does not include the authority to waive regulations under the program jurisdiction of the Assistant Secretary for Housing.

V. Further Redelegations

The General Counsel is authorized to redelegated the authority redelegated in Section III, above. This notice has no impact upon the redelegation of authority issued by the General Counsel to the Departmental Enforcement Center on July 18, 2011 (76 FR 42463).

VI. Prior Redelegations Superseded

The previous redelegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and the General Counsel, published on October 12, 2006 are superseded by this notice.

VII. Revocation of Authority

The Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing or Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing may revoke the authority authorized herein, in whole or part, at any time. Any revocation or modification of a redelegation will be published in the Federal Register.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: June 5, 2012.

Carol J. Galante,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[DOcket No. FR–5557–D–05]

Delegations of Authority for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Administration (FHFA); Redelegations of Authority Regarding Multifamily Housing Programs

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of revocation and redelegation of authority.

SUMMARY: On October 12, 2006, the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner published comprehensive redelegations of authority for the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs and the Office of Insured Health Care Facilities (OIHCF). Today’s notice of redelegations of authority updates and amends the notice that was published on October 12, 2006. The notice reflects changes that have been made to the redelegations of authority regarding multifamily housing programs since October 12, 2006. In general, these changes reflect (1) the inclusion of the Office of Affordable Housing Preservation and its functions in the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs and (2) the delegation of certain redelegations for healthcare facility programs and functions, which now are contained in a separate Office of Healthcare Programs and are subject to their own redelegations to be published in a separate notice.

DATES: Effective Date: June 5, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Golrick, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Multifamily Housing, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 6112, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone 202–708–2495. (This is not a toll-free number.) Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY number by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service number at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Several important changes are included in today’s notice. First, specific redelegations of authority for functions performed by the Office of Affordable Housing Programs (OAHP) are contained in Section VII. Previously, redelegations of authority for OAHP were published separately from those for the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs, and the last publication was on October 12, 2006 (71 FR 60178). Those authorities have been updated but not functionally amended and are reproduced in their entirety in today’s notice with one addition that is noted below. OAHP has now been merged into the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs, and the position of OAHP Deputy Assistant Secretary has been changed to OAHP Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary. As a result, previous redelegations to the OAHP Deputy Assistant Secretary (and the OAHP Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary) now run to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Affordable Housing Programs.

Second, the Assistant Secretary is now delegating authority to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Affordable Housing Programs authority to perform all the functions necessary to implement Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). (Pub. L. 111–5, approved February 17, 2009). ARRA created a program for making energy improvements in multifamily housing known as the Green Retrofit Program for Multifamily Housing.

Third, today’s notice does not contain certain redelegations for HUD’s healthcare programs, except in connection with property disposition activities for section 232 healthcare facilities and section 242 hospitals. All other functions for sections 232 and 242 have been consolidated in the Office of Healthcare Programs.

Fourth, today’s notice contains a redelegation to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs to carry out activities under the Self-Help Housing Property Disposition Program authorized under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended by Public Law 105–50 (40 U.S.C. 550(f)). This delegation of authority previously was published on March 16, 2004 and is incorporated here.

Fifth, a new position, the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Administration, is included in the description of the Office.
of Multifamily Housing Programs in Section I.

Finally, Section III.F., function (2), continues to indicate that HUD Operations Officers and Program Center Directors can issue a firm commitment for mortgage insurance if the principal amount of the mortgage does not exceed $15 million. The Hub Director can issue a firm commitment for mortgage insurance without any limitation related to the principal amount of the mortgage but such loans may be subject to HUB or National Loan Committee approval before either an application invitation letter or a firm commitment can be issued, depending on program type, project size, loan size, and real estate risk, in accordance with Notice H 2011–04 or its successors.

Section I. Multifamily Housing Programs: Office of Housing Organization

A. Office of Multifamily Housing Programs—Headquarters

In general, all Office of Multifamily Housing managers in Headquarters and in the Field report to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs and to their respective Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary (i.e., the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs or the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Affordable Housing Programs) and, for internal administrative matters only, to the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Administration. In Headquarters, there are six major Multifamily Housing program offices, each of which is headed by an Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary or a Director. These offices and a general description of each appear below:

1. Office of Multifamily Housing Development

This office develops and implements policies and guidelines for the loan origination aspects of FHA multifamily housing mortgage insurance programs from pre-application to final endorsement of the mortgage note. The office is responsible for Traditional Application Processing (TAP), Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) and Section 542 Risk-Sharing policies and procedures, including lender approval and lender monitoring. The Office of Multifamily Housing Development staff provides technical guidance to the HUD/FHA multifamily housing field staff, the industry, and other Headquarters offices.

2. Office of Asset Management

The Office of Asset Management (Office of AM) is responsible for strategic planning, guidance, and oversight of HUD’s multifamily housing portfolio of project assets after development and upon occupancy (multifamily housing properties consist primarily of rental housing properties with five or more dwelling units, such as apartments or town houses, elderly housing, housing for persons with disabilities, mobile home parks, retirement service centers and, very occasionally, vacant land). The Office of AM develops policy for, and oversees, field office asset management operations. The Office of AM is responsible for oversight of regulated property ownership and management, routine mortgage servicing, default servicing, acquisition and/or disposition of loans and properties, and management of properties where the Secretary is owner or mortgagee-in-possession. The Office of AM serves as Multifamily Housing’s liaison with the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) and the Departmental Enforcement Center (DEC). In addition, the Office of AM oversees field office and lender-servicing activities for HUD-involved properties. Through two field Property Disposition Centers, the Office of AM oversees HUD management, ownership, and the sale of properties, which HUD owns by virtue of default and foreclosure, or for which HUD is mortgagee-in-possession. The Office and the Centers also oversee and implement property disposition functions for the Office of Healthcare Programs.

3. Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration

The Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration is responsible for directing and overseeing housing assistance and competitive grant programs administered by the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs, and places its primary focus on production and development functions. Its programs include project-based Section 8 housing assistance, the Section 202/811 Capital Advance Program, the Emergency Capital Repair Grants program, Service Coordinators, Assisted Living Conversion, and Congregate Housing Services Programs. The Office also is involved with other project based assistance programs including Rent Supplement, Rental Assistance Payments, Project Rental Assistance Contracts, and Senior Project Rental Assistance Contracts. In addition, the Office provides occupancy policy guidance and supports the Rental Housing Integrity Improvement Initiative and Enterprise Income Verification in connection with HUD efforts to reduce improper payments.

4. Office of Housing Assistance Contract Administration Oversight

The Office of Housing Assistance Contract Administration Oversight is responsible for policies, procedures, guidelines, performance assessment, and technical and general compliance under the terms of the respective Annual Contributions Contracts for Section 8 Contract Administrators (CA). The Section 8 contract administration oversight by this office provides that properties continue to meet the Department’s standard of providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing to low-income families. Additionally, the Office of Housing Assistance Contract Administration Oversight is responsible for assuring that the Department meets its financial obligations to owners as specified in the various subsidy contracts by ensuring availability of subsidy payments. The office oversees ongoing funding of project-based assistance contracts, including contracts under the Section 8, Rent Supplement, and Rental Assistance Payments programs.

5. Office of Program Systems Management

The Office of Program Systems Management is responsible for the automated systems that support multifamily housing programs and healthcare programs. This office works with the offices to develop and enhance the systems used to support their respective programs.

6. Office of Affordable Housing Preservation

The Office of Affordable Housing Preservation (OAHP) was established to administer the Mark to Market program, to assure the smooth continuation of the Mark to Market program utilizing authorities that continued after the legislative sunset of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring on September 30, 2004. OAHP also provides assistance to affordable housing areas in the oversight and preservation of a wide spectrum of affordable housing programs, including making energy improvements to multifamily housing. OAHP’s duties include those needed to support Multifamily Development and Asset Management, as may be assigned by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs. The Office is headed by an Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary and a Deputy.
In summary, certain Multifamily Housing Office managers in Program Centers, Hubs, and Headquarters, acting within the scope of their redelegated authorities and applicable law, have independent authority, through the delegation process, to make binding decisions on behalf of the Department. Program Center Directors report to Hub Directors who, in turn, report to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs.

Section II. Multifamily Housing Programs—Functions

The Office of Multifamily Housing is charged with carrying out duties of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing, and the Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing as they relate to multifamily programs set forth in HUD’s governing legislation. This broad range of programs enables HUD, in concert with its partners from the private and public sectors, to provide safe, decent, and affordable multifamily housing to millions of American families. The programs include mortgage insurance, capital advances, grant programs, and some programs that assist communities in reducing crime. Under this delegation, the Assistant Secretary for Housing, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing and the Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing redelegated broad program authority to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing, for particular Multifamily Housing Directors in Headquarters and the field.

Characterizing the authority that is being redelegated in broad or general terms in this Section II will enable the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing and particular Multifamily Housing Directors to perform all functions necessary to accomplish multifamily housing program tasks and objectives.

In some past delegation notices, HUD has set forth, in “laundry list” fashion, the functions that are carried out by managers under generic function headings. However, publishing detailed lists has proven problematic, as some...
listed items become obsolete over time, while others are omitted through oversight. Conversely, this Section II of this delegation sets forth functions in general terms, while the preamble provides insights into the nature of the work performed by managers with delegated authority under each category. The basic multifamily housing functions and a brief description of each are as follows:

A. General Authority

This authority allows Office of Housing officials in the Office of Multifamily Housing to sign any and all documents necessary to carry out business within their program and geographic jurisdictions. In addition, this authority allows such officials, when considering a proposal, to waive any directives, not mandated by statute or regulation or reserved to Headquarters, for good cause and with written justification.

B. Development

This function allows a manager with delegated authority to make all necessary determinations that relate to the FHA-insured mortgage underwriting process and the risk-sharing programs. Essentially, this category of functions begins with a pre-application or application for mortgage insurance and ends with the Department’s endorsement of an insured mortgage and related documentation. For all mortgage insurance programs, it includes, but is not limited to, such activities as determining the acceptability of project sites; issuing firm commitments for FHA insurance; issuing initial or final endorsements for FHA insurance; executing regulatory agreements; requiring corrective actions and escrow accounts as needed; and wherever applicable, directing the actions of HUD clients in connection with a project’s development (e.g., authorizing a housing finance agency to process risk sharing loans or to conduct a subsidy layering review). Similar production functions are performed in connection with capital advances for elderly persons (the Section 202 program) and persons with disabilities (Section 811). For example, under those programs, applications are reviewed and rated, funding awards are made, regulatory and use agreements executed.

C. Asset Management

Functions carried out under this category involve HUD’s continuing relationship with a multifamily project after it has been added to the HUD portfolio through either FHA mortgage insurance, co-insurance, or risk-sharing programs; direct loan; capital advance or grant programs; other subsidy programs; and combinations thereof. Under this category, ongoing decision-making relates to an insured or subsidized project’s occupancy, operations, and physical and financial condition from the time of occupancy through final disposition including, but not limited to, prepayment, repayment of the loan or end of the subsidy contract, foreclosure, and/or termination of the subsidy contract. In addition, functions involve the renewal of Section 8 contracts and other project-based assistance, and imposing sanctions upon project owners that, for example, violate the terms of their regulatory agreement and/or section 8 housing assistance contract.

D. Competitive Capital Advance Programs

Competitive programs within the Office of Multifamily Housing typically include those for the Section 202 supportive housing for the elderly, Section 811 supportive housing for persons with disabilities, service coordinators, and the assisted living conversion programs. In any given year, Congress may authorize additional or alternative programs. Office functions include developing the criteria for applications, rating and ranking applications, and executing capital advance and grant agreements. Once a grant is awarded, functions include monitoring compliance with the grant agreement, terminating a grant for non-compliance, modifying a grant, and closing out a grant. Once a capital advance is awarded under the Section 202 or Section 811 programs, functions include processing a firm commitment application, initially closing the project, monitoring compliance with the construction contract, and finally closing the project as soon as costs have been certified.

E. Program Demonstrations

Periodically, Congress will enact legislation that authorizes HUD to conduct a multifamily housing program on a demonstration basis. The purpose of a demonstration is essentially to test the viability of a new program on a limited basis, e.g., by geography, case volume, or time. Functions related to demonstration programs include developing program criteria, implementing the program, monitoring activities and results, preparing any required reports to Congress, and closing out the program.

F. Property Disposition

Property disposition functions begin after HUD has made an initial decision to foreclose on a property. These functions include notifying an owner, and hearing and deciding an owner’s appeal to the foreclosure determination; deciding the terms of and directing a foreclosure sale; accepting a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, authorizing any work and related terms required by a project in advance of a sale; advertising a project for sale; approving disposition plans, sales documents, and purchasers; executing rental assistance contracts; and relocation of residents as may be necessary.

G. Coinsurance

In 1990, HUD stopped accepting new applications for multifamily housing coinsurance. However, HUD still carries out multifamily housing coinsurance program functions in relation to the existing inventory, which include any and all actions necessary to carry out the program authorized under 12 U.S.C. 1715z–9. Functions also include authorizing second mortgage documents in partial payment-of-claims cases, as well as approving requests for the conversion of coinsurance to full mortgage insurance.

H. Portfolio Reengineering

The Portfolio Reengineering Demonstration Project was originally authorized in 1996 and most recently in 1998 under Title V of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (Pub. L. 105–65). Although all cases under the program have been closed, there is ongoing asset management functions related to this portfolio of projects.

I. Contract Administration Oversight/Funding

Functions in this area of contract administration oversight involve activities related to the award of the Contract Administration Contracts (Annual Contribution Contracts), assessment and assignment of Section 8 contracts to Performance-Based Contract Administrators (PBCAs), evaluation of PBCA performance, provision of technical assistance to PBCAs, and prescription of any remedial actions needed to improve PBCA performance. Key functions also involve developing policies and procedures for field offices and coordinating efforts between the PBCAs and the local Multifamily Housing field office staff, monitoring, evaluating, and providing technical guidance relative to field activities;
assuring that PBCAs provide data needed to evaluate their performance and the status of contracts they administer; and coordinating audit activities associated with Section 8 Contract Administration.

Funding activities involve budget and funding responsibilities associated with various rental assistance programs, including both HUD and third-party administered contracts. Activities also include creating and approving administrative commitments for active contracts, determinations of funding levels, reservations of the subsidy based on funding availability, monitoring allotments as compared to annual appropriations, funding assignments against allotments, reservations compared to fund assignments, and actual reservations versus estimated activity. Additional functions include monitoring the timely payment of Section 8 housing assistance to administrators and project owners in cooperation with the accounting staff in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer. The funding area also works with the Department’s budget and accounting organizations to generate budget authority estimates for the above-referenced subsidy programs, develop procedures for funding and payment processes, and integrate systems to support the data.

**Section III. Multifamily Housing Programs—Authority Redelegated**

The Assistant Secretary, the General Deputy Assistant Secretary, the Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing retain and redelegated the power and authority, as provided in this Section III, (1) To the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs; (2) through the above Deputy Assistant Secretary and Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, to the Headquarters Multifamily Directors listed below; and (3) through the Headquarters Multifamily Directors, to the Headquarters and Field Office managers listed below; the following power and authority.

**A. Deputy Assistant Secretary and Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs**

Authority is redelegated, on a nationwide basis, to take all actions necessary to conduct all multifamily housing programs, including, but not limited to, the exercise of the following functions:

1. The general power to modify and sign any documents necessary to perform enumerated functions and to waive any directive that is not mandated by a statute or regulation;
2. All production functions related to mortgage insurance, capital advance, risk-sharing, or other programs;
3. All asset management functions related to mortgage insurance, grant, or other programs;
4. All functions necessary to carry out a competitive capital advance program;
5. All functions necessary to carry out a program conducted on a demonstration basis;
6. All property disposition functions;
7. All functions necessary to the conduct of the Multifamily coinsurance program;
8. All functions necessary to conduct asset management activities under the portfolio reengineering program, reauthorized under Title V of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1998;
9. All functions necessary to the conduct of Section 8 contract administration oversight/funding;
10. All functions necessary to carry out the Self-Help Housing Property Disposition Program; and,
11. All source selection official functions.

**B. Director, Office of Multifamily Housing Development**

Authority is redelegated, on a nationwide basis, to take all actions necessary to conduct:

1. The general power to sign any documents necessary to perform enumerated functions and to waive any directive that is not mandated by a statute or regulation;
2. All functions necessary to carry out competitive capital advance programs;
3. All asset management functions related to Section 8 contracts and other project-based assistance.

**E. Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration Oversight**

Authority is redelegated, on a nationwide basis, to take all actions necessary to conduct:

1. The general power to sign any documents necessary to perform enumerated functions and to waive any directive that is not mandated by a statute or regulation;
2. All functions necessary to carry out Section 8 contracts and other project-based assistance.

**F. All Hub Directors, Operations Officers, and Program Center Directors**

The authority redelegated authorizes these officials to take all actions necessary to conduct the conduct of all multifamily housing programs, not including the property disposition program, coinsurance program, and portfolio reengineering program. The authority is further limited in that it may only be exercised within each official’s authorized geographic jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Hub
Sections of the Federal Register
Housing and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Affordable Housing Preservation the following authority:

All authority necessary to carry out the provisions of the Mark-to-Market Program under MAHRA (42 U.S.C. 1437f note), except for the authority to issue and/or waive regulations and to sue and be sued.
B. The Assistant Secretary for Housing, the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing and the Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing redelegate to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Affordable Housing Programs the following authority:

(1) To modify and sign any documents necessary to perform enumerated functions and to waive any directive issued by OAH that is not mandated by a statute or regulation.
(2) To administer all provisions of MAHRA, including but not limited to the following:
   (a) To make eligibility determinations under sections 512 and 516 of MAHRA;
   (b) To enter into, modify, and or extend agreements with participating administrative entities under section 513 of MAHRA;
   (c) In connection with a restructuring transaction, to make rent and/or mortgage restructuring determinations under sections 514, 515, 517, and 524 of MAHRA; and
   (d) To terminate, modify, or affirm any decision on appeal under MAHRA.
(3) In connection with a restructuring transaction, to modify the principal balance, payments, interest rate, and amortization period and other terms of existing FHA-insured and HUD-held mortgages including any HUD or Secretary-held subordinate debt encumbering or otherwise related to a project; and to issue restructuring commitments and closing documents relating to such debt.
(4) To issue HUD forms 92264 and 92264A upon approval of a restructuring plan.
(5) In connection with a restructuring transaction, to approve transfers of physical assets.
(6) In connection with a restructuring transaction, to approve transfers of physical assets.

C. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Affordable Housing Preservation further redelegate to the Rehabilitation Escrow Administration Manager the following authority:

(1) To modify and sign any documents necessary to perform enumerated functions related to the rehabilitation needs of a project that was the subject of a restructuring transaction, and to waive any directive issued by OAH that is not mandated by a statute or regulation.
(2) To administer escrow accounts and modify the agreement established under the restructuring transaction, for the purpose of addressing immediate and near-term rehabilitation needs of a project.

E. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Affordable Housing Preservation further redelegate to the Bonds and Appeals Manager the following authority:

(1) To modify and sign any documents necessary to perform enumerated functions related to appeals under MAHRA and/or the regulations promulgated under MAHRA.
(2) To reject or hear and decide any appeal under MAHRA and/or the regulations promulgated under MAHRA, except for 24 CFR 401.645.
Section VIII. Authority Excepted

The authority redelegated in Section VII.A. through VII.E. does not include the authority to issue or to waive HUD regulations. The authority redelegated in Section VII.A. through VII. E. does not include the authority to sue or be sued.

Section IX. Further Redelegation

The authority redelegated in Section VII. A. through VII. E. may not be further redelegated.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: June 5, 2012.

Carol J. Galante,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5557–D–06]

Delegations of Authority for the Office of Housing—Federal Housing Administration (FHA); Delegation of Authority for the Office of Healthcare Programs

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Delegation of Authority.

SUMMARY: This document supersedes all previous delegations of authority and specifies the delegations and redelegations of authority for the Office of Healthcare Programs within the Office of Housing. The Office of Healthcare Programs is headed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Healthcare Programs and Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Healthcare Programs, who report directly to the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner and the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing—Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

DATES: Effective Date: June 5, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ivy Jackson or John Whitehead, Office of Healthcare Programs, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 6264, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone number 202–708–0599. (This is not a toll-free number.) Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice supersedes all previous delegations including the delegations and redelegations published in the Federal Register on October 12, 2006 (71 FR 60179), and those contained in memoranda signed by the FHA Commissioner and titled “Redelegations for Sections 232 and 242 Programs,” dated November 6, 2008, February 1, 2010, and April 20, 2010.

The Office of Healthcare Programs (OHP) is centrally organized and administered out of HUD Headquarters and headed by a Deputy Assistant Secretary. It includes managers and staff members stationed at field locations. OHP reviews and approves mortgage insurance proposals for hospitals (Section 242 of the National Housing Act) and residential care facilities (Section 232 of the National Housing Act) and handles asset management and property disposition matters related to HUD’s Section 232- and Section 242-insured portfolios. OHP also administers all matters under Title XI of the National Housing Act (mortgage insurance for group practice facilities), but this program is currently inactive. Prior to the creation of OHP, the Section 242 hospital program was administered by the Office of Insured Health Care Facilities (OIHCF), and the Section 232 residential care facilities program was administered by the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs (MHP). A 2008 realignment consolidated administration of HUD’s health-care facilities programs under the Office of Insured Health Care Facilities (OIHCF), with some responsibilities remaining with MHP. Following approval of a reorganization in May 2010, the Office of Healthcare Programs came into existence and OIHCF ceased to exist. HUD determined that the reorganization was necessary because underwriting and oversight issues unique to healthcare facilities were best handled by a specialized office with particular expertise in the health-care area.

There are three major program offices within OHP, each of which is headed by a Director who reports to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Healthcare Programs and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Healthcare Programs. A general description of each program office appears below:

A. Office of Hospital Facilities. This office develops and implements policies and guidelines for the loan origination, asset management, and post-insurance activities related to Section 242 mortgage insurance for hospitals.

B. Office of Residential Care Facilities. This office develops and implements policies and guidelines for the loan origination, construction, asset management, and post-insurance activities related to Section 232 mortgage insurance for residential-care facilities. These facilities include nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and board and care facilities.

C. Office of Architecture and Engineering. This office provides architectural and engineering support for the hospital program and as-needed consultation for the residential care facilities program. It develops and implements policies and guidelines for plans and specifications, construction contracts, construction monitoring, construction draws, and closeout of the facility construction. This office also provides professional consultation for hospital facilities, including site visits for those projects that are in financial distress.

The Office of Healthcare Programs is charged with carrying out duties of the Assistant Secretary and General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing, as they relate to healthcare facility programs set forth in HUD’s governing legislation. These programs enable HUD, in concert with participants from the private and public sectors, to provide affordable capital financing for the construction, rehabilitation, refinancing, and purchase of health-care facilities. Under this delegation, the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing—Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner, and Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing redelegated broad program authority to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Healthcare Programs and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Healthcare Programs. Characterizing the authority that is being redelegated in broad or general terms will enable the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Healthcare Programs and the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Healthcare Programs to perform all functions necessary to accomplish health-care facility program tasks and objectives. The basic health-care program functions and a brief description of each are as follows:

1. General Authority. This authority allows Office of Healthcare Programs officials to sign any and all documents necessary to carry out business within their program jurisdictions. In addition, this authority allows such officials, when considering a proposal, to waive, for good cause and with written