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## **HUD ANNOUNCES FINAL RULE ON AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING:**

HUD announced a final rule on 07/08/15 to equip communities that receive HUD funding with data and tools to help them meet long-standing fair housing obligations in their use of HUD funds. HUD will also provide additional guidance and technical assistance to facilitate local decision-making on fair housing priorities and goals for affordable housing and community development. Read the entire [press release](#). Learn more about the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Final [Rule](#).

AND

### **New Housing Notice for HECM Counselors:**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WASHINGTON, DC  
20410-8000

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING FEDERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONER  
NOTICE H 2015-05

Issued: July 6, 2015

Special Attention Of: All HUD-Approved HECM Counseling Agencies and Counselors  
Expires: This Notice remains in effect until amended, superseded or rescinded.

Subject: Guidance for Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Program Counselors providing counseling to prospective HECM mortgagors, and their Non-Borrowing Spouses.

Purpose: This Housing Notice informs HUD approved HECM counselors of recent HECM program updates to policies and requirements addressing Financial Assessments, Property Charges, Lien Seasoning, Non-Borrowing Spouse Certifications, Deferral Period, Partially-Funded Life Expectancy Set-Aside, and Servicing Fee Set-Aside. The updates and relevant guidance were announced in Mortgagee Letters (ML) 2014-21, 2014- 22, 2015-02, and 2015-06.

Read the entire notice [on-line](#).

AND

## **FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program Training for Housing Counselors:**

SAVE THE DATE! September 22, 2015, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Eastern

Time: Webinar: FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program for Housing Counselors:

This webinar will give you an overview of FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and provide the information and resources you need to educate your clients on the NFIP, flood insurance premiums and federal assistance available to homeowners and renters. Watch this listserv for registration details and more information.

NFIP Resources:

- [Overview](#) of NFIP
- [NFIP Flood Insurance Manual](#)
- [Catalog](#) of bulletins on NFIP
- [Catalog](#) of events
- [Podcasts](#)

AND

### **Read the HUDdle:**

New in the HUDdle: [Protecting every person's access to housing](#). The HUDdle is HUD's official web [blog](#).

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### **HUD-OHC Listserv Bulk subscriptions:**

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for HUD Office of Housing Counseling (HUD-OHC) listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

[aaa@xyz.com](mailto:aaa@xyz.com)  
[bbb@xyz.com](mailto:bbb@xyz.com)  
[ccc@xyz.com](mailto:ccc@xyz.com)

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Then [Email your list](#) to HUD-OHC. If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 2 other ways to sign up: Send them this [link](#) or forward them this email.

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### **Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:**

- [Email Technical Support for Housing Counselors](#)
- [HUD Housing Counseling Webpage](#)

- [The Bridge Housing Counseling Newsletter Archive](#)
  - [Housing Counseling Listserv Archive](#)
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