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**M E M O R A N D U M**

To: All Local Housing Agencies (LHAs) Administering the Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP) Vouchers

From: Mary-Anne Morrison, Director, Bureau of Rental Assistance 

Subject: Suspension of AHVP Voucher Re-issuance

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In January-February 2011, DHCD notified LHAs with an allocation of AHVP Vouchers that they could begin to re-issue any available turnover Vouchers. Additionally, a small number of "new" Vouchers were made available to a number of the most active issuing LHAs. As a result of the hard work and dedication of all LHAs involved in the re-issuance process, program leasing has increased by approximately 50 units over the 12 months, which is a wonderful achievement.

However, to ensure that the total annualized cost for all leased units does not exceed the current \$3.45 million budget appropriation for the program, it is now necessary for the Department to invoke an **immediate suspension of AHVP Voucher issuance**.

Any Voucher holders currently looking for a unit may continue to do so until the expiration date of their Voucher/Voucher extension, as applicable.

We hope that this suspension will be of short duration, and that we will soon be able to get back to the business of assisting new AHVP eligible households going forward into FY 2012. Until that time, we ask for your assistance in keeping us apprised of the AHVP leasing and withdrawal activity at your LHA by submitting a monthly AHVP Tracking Form with your most up-to-date information. This information is a key factor in DHCD's determination of when the Voucher issuance freeze can be lifted.

Thank you your anticipated attention to this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Cwartkowski at (617)-573-1222.

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