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Dear Participant

Subject: **NOTICE: DELAY IN PAYMENT STANDARD REDUCTION IMPLEMENTATION**

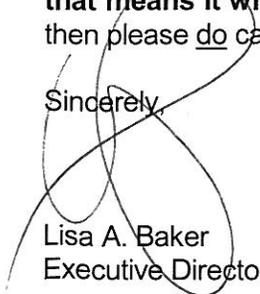
This letter contains important information about your voucher assistance payment and timing for implementation of a delay in the reduction of the Payment Standard. This serves as your **Notice of Delay in Reduction of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)**

As you know, the Housing Authority of the County of Yolo (informally known as Yolo County Housing or YCH) had a funding shortfall due to a combination of federal budgeting issues and the need to more greatly assist families affected by the economic downturn. Effective October 1, 2009, Yolo County Housing reduced Payment Standards immediately to 90% of the Fair Market Rent (FMR). This action took effect in the entire jurisdiction of the Housing Authority, including the City of Davis.

The change in Payment Standard resulted in an approximately 9% decrease in the amount of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) paid on your behalf if you lived outside of Davis and up to a 15% reduction in HAP for those who resided within the City of Davis. This action allowed Yolo County Housing to avoid terminating assisted families from the program. During this time, we also continued to work together with our colleagues to ensure that our elected and appointed representatives were educated about the impacts to you due to underfunding of the Voucher program. I am happy to say that those efforts were successful and that **Yolo County Housing has received additional funding to help you.**

Effective retroactively to October 1, 2009, we at Yolo County Housing are rescinding the immediate implementation of the Payment Standard reduction. **The new 90% of Fair Market Rent Payment Standard will remain in effect, but will not take effect until the second reexamination, which will be October 1, 2010.** In the meantime, if you are an assisted tenant in our program, you will be receiving a reimbursement check from Yolo County Housing for the difference between what you paid for rent and what you should have paid for rent for the time period in question. Please remember that we are applying this standard to all the families in our program. Because of this, it will take time to process each individual family. **Please do not call your Housing Specialist to check on the status of this process, since that means it will take longer to assist you.** If you do not receive anything from us by April 30, 2010, then please do call your Specialist and follow up on the status of your case.

Sincerely,


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