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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

SECTION 8 PROGRAM UPDATES

The HUD Contract Administration staff wish you a very happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

The State Offices are closed Thursday, November 26, 2015 to observe Thanksgiving, and Friday, November 27, 2015. **The tenant Health & Safety hotline will be monitored on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Phone messages to 503-986-2149 and emails to rhonda.k.crawford@oregon.gov will also be monitored during the same hours.

HUD NOTICE H 2015-12 "Amendment to the Definition of Tuition"

November 18, 2015, HUD issued notice H 2015-12 to amend the definition of tuition found in the Eligibility of Students for Assisted Housing Under Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937; Supplementary Guidance (71 FR 18146, appendix A) which is used in Multifamily Housing. **This notice is effective upon publication.**

The amended definition is based on the Department of Education definition of tuition and fees. Under the Section 8 program, the annual income must include amounts of financial assistance an individual receives in excess of tuition and other required fees and charges.

Please read the full notice at <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=15-12hsgn.pdf> .

FAIR HOUSING IN OREGON

Please see the informational website at

<http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/pages/equal-access-to-housing-in-oregon.aspx>

HUD REGION X WEBSITES

The HUD Region X website has lots of good information that pertains to Oregon affordable housing owners. There have been many updates since the last OHCS memo was sent. To keep up on the latest information, click the links below:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/shared/working/r10/mf/w/hatsnew>

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/shared/working/r10/mf/x/mfhsgmanageinfo>

INDUSTRY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Many training opportunities can be found online by using one of the search engines. Examples include, but are not limited to, Oregon AHMA training classes and Conference, Quadel Consulting, and NCHM.
- The following link will take you to a Calendar of Events on the HUD RHIIP website (go to RHIIP Support and Training at the bottom of the page):
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/mfh/rhiip/mfhrhiip

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- 1. First, hold down the Ctrl key and click on the link, or***
- 2. If #1 did not work, highlight the link and copy/paste it into the browser address bar.***
- 3. OHCS Section 8 memos are posted to the OHCS website at <http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/Pages/hca-communication-memos.aspx>. (There is a delay in posting the new memos.)***