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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Public Housing Authorities  
State of Massachusetts

FROM: Anthony F. Britto, Director, Office of Public  
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SUBJECT: Delay in Approval of units in Violation of  
24 CFR 982.355(c)(4)

This is to inform all housing authorities that Section 8 portability rules 24 CFR 982.355(c)(4) forbids local housing authorities from delaying approval of a unit while awaiting a criminal records (CORI) check to be completed on participant. Many times this process can take anywhere from 2 weeks to a month, which could prevent a participant from leasing a desired unit. Twenty-four CFR 982.355(c)(4) states "a receiving HA may not delay issuing the family a voucher or certificate or otherwise delay approval of a unit unless the recertification is necessary to determine income eligibility.

If your housing authority current policy is to complete CORI review on portability participants, be advised that you may NOT delay the approval of a unit while the review is being completed. If you have any questions, please contact your Revitalization Specialist in the office.

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