

U.S. Housing and Urban Development Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) Guide Industry Briefing, Session1







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# **Today's HUD Presenters**

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- Chris Tawa (*Chapters 2 and 15*)
- Tom Bernaciak *(Chapter 3)*
- Kevin Han (*Chapters 5 and 12*)
- David Wilderman *(Chapter 6)*



# Chapter 2 Chris Tawa



# Section 2.1.D



### Change:

• Imposes additional limits and oversight on new MAP lenders

- New MAP lenders must have first 3 transactions reviewed/approved by HUD
- They cannot access the full range of MAP programs until they demonstrate the ability to represent the program

# Section 2.2.D & E



#### Change:

• Allows termination of MAP lenders for Inactivity

- Implements regulation requiring termination if lender does not submit any MAP applications within a 12-month period
- Terminated MAP lenders may not apply for reinstatement for 12 months after termination

# Section 2.4.C



### Change:

 Imposes limits on Identity of Interest (IOI) and inducements on loan consultants, correspondents and mortgage brokers

- Prohibitions on IOI, conflicts of interest, side agreements and kickbacks that apply to MAP lenders are extended to their consultants, correspondents and brokers.
- Written certification of compliance is required.

# Section 2.8.D



## Change:

• HUD now requires 30-day advance notice of MAP lender mergers, acquisitions or license transfers

#### **Explanation:**

• Lenders must submit information for review by HUD at least 30 days before a transaction is consummated or lender sanctions may be imposed.

# Section 2.11.A



## Change:

• Eliminates requirement that underwriter trainees attend MAP underwriter training provided by HUD

#### **Explanation:**

• Since MBA now offers a 6-month multifamily underwriting course, HUD no longer provides MAP underwriter training



# Chapter 15 Chris Tawa



# **Section 15.2.1**



### Change:

 Role of the Counterparty Oversight Branch (COB) within the Multifamily Asset and Counterparty Oversight Division (MACOD)

### **Explanation:**

• Clarifies the relative roles, responsibilities, and authorities for counterparty oversight between MACOD and COB

# **Section 15.2.2**



## Change:

• Lists the types of data and reports from other HUD Divisions and agencies that will be shared with COB

### **Explanation:**

• These data and reports will assist COB in performing lender oversight and monitoring

# **Section 15.2.3**



### Change:

• Sets forth an annual schedule for limited or full lender monitoring reviews

- Lenders will be notified if subject to monitoring review that year
- Review schedule may be modified or delayed based on the COB's staffing and capacity

# **Section 15.3.1**



#### Change:

• Clarifies who has sole authority within HUD to issue MAP sanctions and the process for referring lenders for an enforcement action

- Only COB and the DAS are authorized to issue MAP sanctions
- Section describes process for referring lenders to COB for enforcement actions
- Only the Director, Office of Multifamily Production, may refer lenders to COB

# Section 15.6.B



### Change:

• Describes purpose and effect of Letters of Caution

- Letters of Caution may be issued for minor lender compliance violations or loan processing obligations
- Violations can be corrected without an enforcement action

# **Section 15.7.2**



### Change:

• Describes targeted enforcement measures that may be imposed with issuance of a Warning Letter

- Enforcement measures may limit lender's access to certain MAP programs
- May require additional processing steps and reviews
- May suspend lender delegations of MAP program underwriting requirements

# Section 15.10.A



### Change:

• Allows lender termination based on MAP program inactivity

### **Explanation:**

• Per slide 6 above on Section 2.2.D & E

# Section 15.7.A



### Change:

• Suspension, debarment or LDP of firms/individuals may only be imposed by the DEC unless delegations of authority are conferred

- Delegation of authority was just published in Federal Register
- MF DAS may now impose suspension, debarment or LDP sanctions without the DEC's involvement

# Section 15.8.A



## Change:

• Describes standard to be met for referral of lenders to the Mortgagee Review Board

### **Explanation:**

 Standard for referral – "there is adequate evidence of serious violations of HUD requirements by a MAP [l]ender" same as appears in the MRB regulation



# Appendix 15 Chris Tawa



# Section A.15.1



# Change:

• New appendix with taxonomy on MAP lender compliance, loan underwriting, and application processing deficiencies

### **Explanation:**

• Provides clear guidance about which compliance, underwriting, or processing deficiencies may result in sanctions/enforcement action under Chapter 15

# Section A.15.2



# Change:

 Lists lender compliance deficiencies (low or high severity) for which a Letter of Caution or Warning Letter may be issued and sanctions may be imposed

## **Explanation:**

• Addresses potential consequences of deficiencies in meeting lender compliance obligations under Chapter 2

# Section A.15.3



#### Change:

• Lists incidences of loan underwriting or application processing deficiencies (low and high severity) for which a Letter of Caution or Warning Letter may be issued and sanctions may be imposed

### **Explanation:**

 Addresses potential consequences of lender deficiencies in the 5 technical disciplines of MAP underwriting and processing of loan applications



# Chapter 3 Tom Bernaciak



# **Section 3.1.12.**B



# Change:

 Income averaging now part of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) definition, consistent with IRS regulations

### **Explanation:**

Change conforms MAP Guide underwriting to current IRS regulations



### Change:

• Permits adding "cost not attributable to dwelling use" to maximum loan amount for Criterion 4 loan sizing for Section 223(f) projects

### **Explanation:**

• Recognizes cost of other non-residential improvements to the project



# Change:

• Adds a definition of "sustaining occupancy"

### **Explanation:**

• N/A



### Change:

• Provides specific considerations to define when scattered site projects are permissible

### **Explanation:**

• Evaluation process now incorporates distance in miles, travel time, political jurisdictions, physical condition, as well as construction type



### Change:

• Eliminates Condominium regimes that were permitted previously under New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation

### **Explanation:**

 Previously, determining whether zoning permitted permanent rental of units OR, at the municipality's option, use might later revert to condominium



### Change:

 Requires lenders to submit environmental reports to HUD using HUD's Environmental Review Online System (HEROS)

### **Explanation:**

• The use of HEROS is now required for all projects submitted under MAP and TAP



# Change:

- Reflects Opportunity Zones in 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (P.L. 115-97, Dec. 22, 2017)
- Reduces app fees from .3% to .2% generally, and to 1% if broadly applicable

# **Explanation:**

• Conforms with existing guidance



### Change:

 Allows LIHTC deals with >90% PBRA to use interim income during construction in lieu of 2% Working Capital (WC) deposit so long as interim income is not used as a capital source

### **Explanation:**

• Conforms with existing guidance



# Change:

• Provides guidance when a 241(a) loan has a servicing lender who is different from the originating lender

### **Explanation:**

• Addresses which lender retains control over the Reserve for Replacement and CNA e-Tool accounts.



# Change:

 Adds policy guidance described in HUD Mortgagee Letter 2020-03 regarding suspension of the three-year rule

### **Explanation:**

• N/A



### Change:

• Requires comparison of debt service constant with cap rate as an underwriting mitigant

#### **Explanation:**

• Moves comparison from a valuation constraint to an underwriting mitigant



### Change:

• Confirms that statutory limits will not be used to increase loan amount on a cash out transaction

## **Explanation:**

• N/A

# Section 3.10



#### Change:

- Clarifies and removes references to loan amounts less than \$75 million (NOT defined as large loans) already summarized in Appendix 3.
- Removes limitation of increase in value for projects/land owned less than 3 years

- Substantive change clarifies inconsistency for large loans (>\$75M) with > 90% PBRA, permitting loans to be underwritten at 1.15 DSCR vs. 1.25.
- The value limitation was regularly waived

# Section 3.12



#### Change:

• Emphasizes tenant relocation requirements by including a dedicated section for this topic

#### **Explanation:**

• Establishes clear standards for relocation as needed during repairs or renovation at market rate projects, distinct from Federally assisted properties.



### **Chapter 5** Kevin Han



### General



#### Change:

Reorganizes sections overall to provide clarity in structure and procedures

- Focused on moving related but scattered information to one location
- Example: Section 5.2 now only discusses 3<sup>rd</sup> party requirements
- Example: Section 5.3 describes construction activity requirements by program

### Section 5.1.B



#### Change:

• Deleted 1 of 2 defining criteria of Substantial Rehabilitation, the "two systems rule" i.e., replacing 2-building systems equals sub-rehab

- Defining what constituted an entire building system was too difficult and triggered needless cost estimating effort
- HUD now relies on total construction cost threshold, which has less room for interpretation

### Section 5.1.E



#### Change:

• Removed "Gut Rehab" category

- Attempt to allow of use of CNA e-Tool in rehab less than "Gut" proved impractical.
- Referencing Level 3 alterations in a single building was confusing

### Section 5.13



#### Change:

 Class of work now only defines level of work involved in 223(f) and 223(a)(7). Clarifies that class of work applies to individual repair items, not an entire project/application

- Clarifies level of construction work:
  - New Construction, 221(d)(4)
  - Substantial Rehab, 221(d)(4), defined by cost & applicable to entire project
  - Class of work defines level of individual repairs (223(f) and 223(a)(7)

### Section 5.1.F



#### Change:

• Eliminates 3-year rule

#### **Explanation:**

• Deleted restriction against refinancing a property within 3 years of construction to incorporate Mortgagee Letter 2020-03

### **Section 5.3.3.2**



#### Change:

• Adds policy regarding when a General Contractor is required

- States General Contractor required when more than 3 licensed trades involved
- Reduces risk of having inexperienced owners manage construction, schedule, and coordination between contractors



### Appendix 5 Kevin Han



# Appendix A.5.4



#### Change:

• New section created that lists required exhibits per program

#### **Explanation:**

 List of application exhibits required for AEC underwriting reviews, including required attachments to the CNA (in the CNA e-Tool)

# Section A.5.6



#### Change:

• Clarifies and simplifies old Appendix 5F to be used by HUD staff as a review form

- Appendix 5F was a mix of required exhibits and a HUD review form that included policy information
- Trimmed down to be an outline of review items
- Related policy/program requirements referenced with hyperlinks



### **Chapter 12** Kevin Han



### General



#### Change:

- Clarifies roles and duties to align with MF Transformation
- Reorganized for clarity; errors and discrepancies corrected

#### **Explanation:**

• Replaced obsolete HUD staffing positions and titles, such as MAP Coordinator and Construction Manager

### Section 12.3.4.7



#### Change:

• Permission to Occupy (Section 12.3.D.7 in the 2016 MAP Guide)

- Added provision to allow for Permission to Occupy to be granted when HUD cannot sign HUD-94285 in a timely manner
- HUD Construction Analyst may authorize Project Architect to issue a phased Permission to Occupy with a condition

### Section 12.17.5



#### Change:

• Change orders (Section 12.17.E in the 2016 MAP Guide)

#### **Explanation:**

• Provides additional guidance on how to document, review, and approve change orders for LIHTC projects, use of the CNA e-Tool, and reporting costs for 223(f) properties with significant repairs

### **Section 12.18**



#### Change:

• Casualty Events during construction

#### **Explanation:**

• Added to address topic not previously addressed



# Chapter 6 David Wilderman



### General



#### Change:

• New chapter

- Consolidates prior energy guidance
- Sets requirements to obtain incentives such as green MIP rates



#### Change:

• Discusses minimum energy codes for construction programs, moved from former Appendix 5 to Chapter 6

- IECC version 2009-walkups, no common space
- ASHRAE 90.1 version 2007 other MF



#### Change:

• Describes incentives for improved energy efficiency

- Underwriter recognition of documented savings: 75% of savings if no Green Building Cert; 100% of savings with Green Building Cert.
- Green MIP rates with Green Building Certification



#### Change:

• Clarifies HUD recognized Green building certifications qualifying for green MIP

- Certifications accepted for construction programs- 6.3.1
- Certifications accepted for refinancing/acquisition- 6.3.2
- ENERGY STAR® for existing buildings is no longer recognized for certification. It remains needed to prove performance for refi/acq loan applications



#### Change:

• Describes possible use of non-recognized certifications

#### **Explanation:** Certification must:

- Be national or multistate
- Require performance of 25% better than HUD minimum code (6.1.1)
- Must have published methods for 3<sup>rd</sup> party review/verification
- Must produce documentary evidence
- Project architect must certify to these features



#### Change:

• Includes requirements applicable to all green MIP applications

#### **Explanation:**

 10 topics including future replacements, HUD required forms, Data Collection Plans, ongoing performance, professional qualifications, modeling techniques, effect of change orders



Change: Describes Green MIP for 223(a)(7) applications

- Either existing loan must be green MIP or property must have prior certification per 6.3
- If existing loan is green MIP, all continuing performance must have been acceptable
- Energy Star® for Existing Building Cert required with application to prove performance, exception only for repair to achieve utility monitoring

- Effect is to:
  - Eliminate sampling from any existing Data Collection Plan
  - Prohibit green MIP refi of any existing green MIP loan where the owner failed to maintain on-going performance
  - Set shelf life of 15 years for green building certifications



**Change:** Describes green MIP for Section 223(f)

- If existing insured green MIP, same as for 223(a)(7) (see 6.5)
- If existing green certified, same as for 223(a)(7)
- If not yet certified, repairs must achieve a green building certification listed in 6.3.2 or 6.3.3.

- Section 6.6.2 allows exception to use ENERGY STAR® for Existing Buildings Certification for refinance of newly built projects, i.e. CO's issued less than 3 years prior to application
- Cert with score of 90 required with application, only exception is repair needed for utility monitoring
- Exception expires December 18, 2022





#### Change:

• Discusses green MIP for Section 220, 221, 231

- ENERGY STAR® rated appliances/equipment or highperformance products required
- Project Architect must actively engage in meeting green building certification



#### Change:

• Discusses Green MIP for Section 241(a)

- Entire premises must be certified
- Dissimilar buildings (existing vs. new) may use different certifications only if necessary and consistent with standard-keeper's requirements
- Proof of ongoing performance must be for the entire property



#### Change:

Describes underwriting of utility costs in estimated operating expenses

- For existing properties with 3 years operating history:
  - If green certified, 100% of estimated savings allowed
  - If not green certified, 75% of savings from documented energy conserving repairs allowed

### Sections 6.9.1 to 6.9.3



#### Change:

• Describes complex aspects of estimating future utility use and resulting costs for Operating Expense estimate

#### **Explanation:**

• Change in energy use often does not result in proportionate change in cost









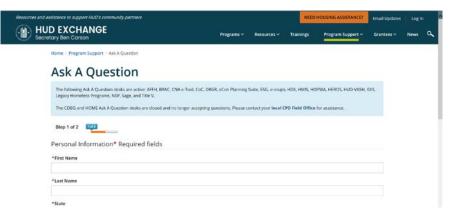
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