



SEL-2020-008: Upcoming Changes: Freddie Mac's HFA Advantage

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Summary

Underwriting/Delivery		
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	HFA Delegated	
	HFA Non-Delegated	
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Freddie Mac recently advised U.S. Bank of upcoming changes to the pricing benefit for Freddie Mac's HFA Advantage loans.

Highlights of the Freddie Mac changes included the following:

- Loan Product Advisor® Feedback Messages Freddie Mac has advised U.S. Bank that they are preparing Freddie Mac underwriting systems to support these changes. LPA feedback messages will be updated on/around February 12, 2020.
- HFA loans delivered to Freddie Mac via Loan Selling Advisor® on and after May 1, 2020 will be subject to the new pricing structure, including the changes to the affordable subsidies.
- **Borrower Income Parameters**
 - Borrowers with incomes at or below 80% AMI
 - Borrowers with incomes greater than 80% AMI (if permitted under the HFA program)

U.S. Bank Requirements

Key U.S. Bank effective dates include the following:

HFA Advantage loans in the following scenarios must to be purchased by U.S. Bank no later than March 31, 2020. Lenders will begin to receive reminder conditions on loans with these parameters advising of the purchase deadline beginning with files received on and after February 18, 2020:

- Loans with an Affordable Income Subsidy
- Loans with AMI greater than 80% with Charter level MI coverage
- Loans with AMI greater than 80% where the HFA program currently permits but will not allow in the future based on any specific HFA announcement.

Notes:

- Purchase Deadline: The purchase deadline is March 31, 2020, as stated unless otherwise directed to be earlier from your HFA-specific announcement(s).
- HFA Guidelines: Lenders are reminded to confirm HFA-specific Guidelines to determine what parameters are offered from the HFA.

HFA Division Lending Guide Updates

We have updated the HFA Division Lending Guide as follows:

HFA Specific Requirement Document Checklists (Section 500 > State > Program > HFA Specific Required Documentation Checklist)

Questions



HFA: Please contact the Housing Finance Agency Hotline at 800.562.5165, option 1 for the HFA Customer Care Team.