Housing Division Notice

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This applicable legislation/policy is to be implemented by the housing provider(s) under the following programs:

Please note, if your program is not checked, this change is not applicable to your project.

- Federal Non-Profit Housing Program
- Private Non-Profit Housing Program
- Co-operative Non-Profit Housing Program
- Municipal Non-Profit Housing Program (Pre-1986)
- Local Housing Corporation

Subject:  Policy on Rent Recalculation:

Each housing provider decides whether to charge a lump sum payment or to recover the amount owing by adding 10% to the new housing charge/rent. Each case should be weighed on an individual basis.

Background:

Policy on Rent Recalculation

Social Housing Reform Act 2000 Section 86 and O. Regulation 298/01 Section 54, Reimbursement of Service Manager, state: If a household pays geared-to-income rent at a lower rate than the rate to which the household is entitled, the service manager [housing provider] may request that the household reimburse the service manager [housing provider] for the excess amount of rent-geared-to-income assistance paid on behalf of the household. The amount owing may be collected by lump sum payment or by increasing the rent payable to an amount no more than 10% greater than the amount that would
otherwise be payable by the household. The service manager may enact a percentage less than 10% but cannot exceed 10%.

Action Required:

Housing Providers will implement the Policy on Rent Recalculation effective immediately.

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