

OMHAR RESOURCE DESK BROADCAST EMAIL ARCHIVE

Sent: Monday, August 25, 2003 2:15 PM

Subject: Lead Based Paint: Big Buy Enrollment Deadline Extended to September 15th

Under HUD's lead paint regulations, all owners with properties built before 1978 will need a HUD-approved Lead Paint Risk Assessment. Healthy Homes' Big Buy Program (Big Buy) allows owners to sign up for a no cost Risk Assessment. The deadline for applying for a free Risk Assessment under the Big Buy has been extended to September 15, 2003. PAEs should contact the owners of any M2M properties needing a Risk Assessment so that they can participate in the Big Buy. M2M properties receive priority treatment in the Big Buy program so that obtaining the Risk Assessment does not delay a M2M Restructuring.

For properties not yet in OMHAR, this is an opportunity to get a Risk Assessment at no cost to the owner early in the process, which could avoid delays in the restructuring and allow any resulting costs to be built into the restructuring plan.

In order to participate in the Big Buy, PAEs should have owners send a fax to:

Elliott M. Johnson, Jr. of Healthy Homes at (202) 755-1000 AND Claude Dickson of OMHAR at (202) 401-2784. Previous instructions to send to Norm Dailey are no longer in effect. There is no form for the owner's fax, but it should be titled "Request to Participate in HUD's Lead Evaluation Program" and the owner's fax must include:

- 1) contact person and telephone number;
- 2) REMS property ID;
- 3) FHA number;
- 4) property name; and
- 5) property address.

If the PAE has a property in need of immediate attention, the PAE should contact their RM promptly to discuss the situation. Any need for immediate attention – and the reason why such attention is needed -- should also be contained in the owner's fax to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dickson, who is responsible for securing priority treatment for M2M properties in the Big Buy. If you anticipate needing a Risk Assessment within 90 days, please contact Claude Dickson ASAP to discuss.

If you have any questions, please go to the Healthy Homes website, www.hud.gov/offices/lead/index.cfm or contact your RM.

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