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To: CHFA Lenders

From: CHFA Single Family Underwriting

Subject: PMI and Commuting Restriction Updates

The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) announces the following program enhancements as specified below:

- ➤ Effective Immediately: CHFA will allow borrower paid and financed single premium private mortgage insurance, (in accordance with the investor/insurer guidelines). The cost of borrower paid single premium may be included as part of borrowers' down payment assistance (DAP) loan portion that is permitted to cover closing costs.
- ➤ Effective Immediately: Lenders <u>will no longer be required</u> to calculate an estimate of the cost of commuting, (i.e. car, train, ferry, bus etc.) for any applicant whose employment location is more than seventy-five (75) miles one-way from the subject property / one-hundred and fifty (150) miles round-trip, to a monthly commuting expense amount to be added in the total debt ratio calculation for affordability. (Rescinding Bulletin #157)