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To: CHFA Lenders
From: Single Family Underwriting
Subject: CHFA Freddie Mac (FHLMC) HFA Advantage[®] Program

CHFA is excited to announce the rollout of the “new” Freddie Mac HFA Advantage[®] Mortgage Program.

This new program will be available to CHFA Participating Lenders that are eligible to sell loans to Freddie Mac (FHLMC) and have the option of selecting the Loan Product AdvisorSM (LPA) as the risk assessment Automated Underwriting System (AUS) when processing new loan applications.

This program is exclusive to State or Local Housing Finance Agencies; some of the advantages of the program include:

- Maximum 97% LTV / 105% CLTV
- Program is applicable to Single Family or Approved Condominiums only
- CHFA Income Limits Apply
- FHLMC Conforming Loan Limits Apply
- Reduced MI Premiums:
 - LTV Greater than 80% up to 85% = 6%
 - LTV Greater than 85% up to 90% = 12%
 - LTV Greater than 90% up to 95% = 16%
 - LTV Greater than 95% up to 97% = 18%
- Loan Product Advisor (LPA) Risk Class “Accept” is required

**CHFA will sponsor an HFA Advantage[®] Mortgage webinar hosted by Freddie Mac on:
Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 2:00pm – 3:30 pm.
Click on the link below to register.**

<https://freddiemaclearn.webex.com/freddiemaclearn/k2/j.php?MTID=t09aa2461bb9dfe1b02273f58bd8ce697>

Lenders that currently select LPA AUS must begin reserving loans under the new HFA Advantage[®] and HFA Advantage[®] Uninsured CHFA Loan Programs beginning tomorrow, on March 1, 2017.

The CHFA “*Loan Program Outlines & Underwriting Guide*” has been updated with the new HFA Advantage[®] and HFA Advantage[®] Uninsured guidelines.

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