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HOUSING MANAGEMENT BUREAU MEMORANDUM # 2012-B-03

To: All Federally-Assisted Housing Companies
Owners, Managing Agents and Site Managers

From: Linda Kedzierski, Federal Programs Coordinator

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Subject: HUD Notice on the Guidelines for Addressing Infestations in
HUD-insured and Assisted Multifamily Housing

Notice H 2012 – 5, issued by HUD on April 23, 2012, provides guidance to owners, managing agents (O/A) and residents of HUD Multifamily insured and assisted properties to remind all parties of the importance of the prevention, identification, and treatment of infestations, including but not limited to bed bugs, insects, and all manner of vermin.

Of particular concern for Multifamily O/As, as well as project residents, is the growing problem of bed bugs. HUD encourages Multifamily O/As to develop an Integrated Management Plan (IMP) to focus on preventing the infestation of these pests. The principles of IMP for bed bugs include:

- Raising awareness through education on prevention of bed bugs;
- Inspecting infested areas, plus surrounding living spaces;
- Checking for infestations on luggage and clothes when returning home from a trip;
- Reducing the number of secondhand items brought into units;
- Correctly identifying the pest;
- Keeping records – including dates when and locations where pests are found;
- Cleaning all items within a bed bug infested living area;
- Reducing clutter;
- Eliminating bed bug habitats;
- Physically removing bed bugs through cleaning;
- Using pesticides carefully;
- Following up on inspections and possible treatments.

An O/A may use available operating funds to pay for activities to prevent and/or treat infestations of all pests - bed bugs, insects and vermin. When other sources of funds are not available or insufficient, HUD may honor requests to reimburse owners for infestation treatment from the Reserve for Replacement account, or, if authorized, the Residual Receipts account.

To find this Notice go to www.hud.gov, and search for "HSGN 2012-05."

If you have any questions, please call Linda Kedzierski at (212) 480 – 7258.



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