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## **Notice on State Lifetime Sex Offender Registration Issued**

Notice H 2009-11 was issued on September 9, 2009, that reiterates current regulatory requirements whereby owners and management agents must perform necessary criminal history background checks to determine if an applicant, or a member of an applicant's household, is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program. The Notice also strongly encourages that owners and management agents establish standards and processes with a zero tolerance approach to prevent lifetime sex offenders from receiving federal housing assistance. The following new processes are recommended:

- Ask households at each recertification whether any member is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program.
- Use the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender website to confirm that applicants and federal housing assistance recipients are not lifetime registered sex offenders.
- Aggressively pursue termination of tenancy or assistance, as appropriate, for tenants subject to a State lifetime sex offender registration requirement to the extent currently allowed by law.

The Notice is posted on:

HUDCLIPS at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/notices/hsg/>

Multifamily Housing's RHIIP website at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/rhiip/mfhrhiip.cfm>

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<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/rhiip/mfhrhiip.cfm>

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