

Relocation Assistance Update Regarding Settlement Statements (December 2015)

Please share with anybody I may have missed.

Good morning everyone.

It was recently brought to my attention that the forms used by lenders and escrow companies to purchase a home have changed. The change was required by the feds and is a mandatory change. What is the change and what does it mean to you? Preliminary HUDs and final certified HUDs no longer exist. Moving forward you will see a "Settlement Statement" and "Final Settlement Statement". These new forms are a bit more friendly to the layman. That said I expect a slight learning curve when completing our Incidental Purchase Expenses worksheet. If you're having trouble give me a call. More than likely the answer lays with the lender and/or escrow company.

I'm told Good Faith Estimates may also be on the outs. They may (I'm told) be replaced with a "Closing Disclosure" form or "CD". This should be a simple transition. Anybody who has paid incidental expenses based on a Good Faith Estimate knows they aren't very... "Good" to begin with.

So, be on the lookout for change when working with a residential displacee. Again, this may be a learning curve for us all, but I'm confident we'll figure it out. The feds have given the escrow companies a 6 month grace period to incorporate the change. This will also require HQ (me) to make a few minor manual revisions and forms revisions. Please continue using the forms we have until notified by me.

Consider yourself informed! Keep up the good work!

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