



Home Affordable Modification Program

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Introduction of the Home Affordable Modification Program

Background

On February 18, 2009, President Obama announced the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan to help up to 7 to 9 million families restructure or refinance their mortgages to avoid foreclosure. As part of this plan, the Treasury Department (Treasury) announced a national modification program aimed at helping 3 to 4 million at-risk homeowners – both those who are in default and those who are at imminent risk of default – by reducing monthly payments to sustainable levels. On March 4, 2009, the Treasury issued uniform guidance for loan modifications across the mortgage industry. This Supplemental Directive provides additional guidance to servicers for adoption and implementation of the Home Affordable Modification program (HMP) for mortgage loans that are not owned or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac (Non-GSE Mortgages).

Under the HMP, a servicer will use a uniform loan modification process to provide a borrower with sustainable monthly payments. The guidelines set forth in this document apply to all eligible mortgage loans secured by one- to four-unit owner-occupied single-family properties.

In order for a servicer to participate in the HMP with respect to Non-GSE Mortgages, the servicer must execute a servicer participation agreement and related documents (Servicer Participation Agreement) with Fannie Mae in its capacity as financial agent for the United States (as designated by Treasury) on or before December 31, 2009. The Servicer Participation Agreement will govern servicer participation in the HMP program for all Non-GSE Mortgages. Servicers of mortgage loans that are owned or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac should refer to the HMP announcement issued by the applicable GSE.

The HMP reflects usual and customary industry standards for mortgage loan modifications contained in typical servicing agreements, including pooling and servicing agreements (PSAs) governing private label securitizations. As detailed in the Servicer Participation Agreement, participating servicers are required to consider all eligible mortgage loans unless prohibited by the rules of the applicable PSA and/or other investor servicing agreements. Participating servicers are required to use reasonable efforts to remove any prohibitions and obtain waivers or approvals from all necessary parties in order to carry out any modification under the HMP.

To help servicers implement the HMP, this Supplemental Directive covers the following topics:

- HMP Eligibility
- Underwriting
- Modification Process
- Reporting Requirements
- Fees and Compensation
- Compliance

HMP Eligibility

A Non-GSE Mortgage is eligible for the HMP if the servicer verifies that all of the following criteria are met:

- The mortgage loan is a first lien mortgage loan originated on or before January 1, 2009.
- The mortgage loan has not been previously modified under the HMP.
- The mortgage loan is delinquent or default is reasonably foreseeable; loans currently in foreclosure are eligible.
- The mortgage loan is secured by a one- to four-unit property, one unit of which is the borrower's principal residence. Cooperative share mortgages and mortgage loans secured by condominium units are eligible for the HMP. Loans secured by manufactured housing units are eligible for the HMP.
- The property securing the mortgage loan must not be vacant or condemned.
- The borrower documents a financial hardship and represents that (s)he does not have sufficient liquid assets to make the monthly mortgage payments by completing a Home Affordable Modification Program Hardship Affidavit and provides the required income documentation. The documentation supporting income may not be more than 90 days old (as of the date the servicer is determining HMP eligibility).
- The borrower has a monthly mortgage payment ratio of greater than 31 percent.
- A borrower in active litigation regarding the mortgage loan is eligible for the HMP.
- The servicer may not require a borrower to waive legal rights as a condition of the HMP.
- A borrower actively involved in a bankruptcy proceeding is eligible for the HMP at the servicer's discretion. Borrowers who have received a Chapter 7 bankruptcy discharge in a case involving the first lien mortgage who did not reaffirm the mortgage debt under applicable law are eligible, provided the Home Affordable Modification Trial Period Plan and Home Affordable Modification Agreement are revised as outlined in the *Acceptable Revisions to HMP Documents* section of this Supplemental Directive.
- The borrower agrees to set up an escrow account for taxes and hazard and flood insurance prior to the beginning of the trial period if one does not currently exist.
- Borrowers may be accepted into the program if a fully executed Home Affordable Modification Trial Period Plan is in the servicer's possession on December 31, 2012.

- The current unpaid principal balance (UPB) of the mortgage loan prior to capitalization must be no greater than:
 - 1 Unit: \$729,750
 - 2 Units: \$934,200
 - 3 Units: \$1,129,250
 - 4 Units: \$1,403,400

Note: Mortgage loans insured, guaranteed or held by a federal government agency (e.g., FHA, HUD, VA and Rural Development) may be eligible for the HMP, subject to guidance issued by the relevant agency. Further details regarding inclusion of these loans in the HMP will be provided in a subsequent Supplemental Directive.

The HMP documents are available through www.financialstability.gov. Documents include the Home Affordable Modification Trial Period Plan (hereinafter referred to as Trial Period Plan), the Home Affordable Modification Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement), the Home Affordable Modification Program Hardship Affidavit (hereinafter referred to as the Hardship Affidavit) and various cover letters.

Underwriting

Hardship Affidavit

Every borrower and co-borrower seeking a modification, whether in default or not, must sign a Hardship Affidavit that attests to and describes one or more of the following types of hardship:

1. A reduction in or loss of income that was supporting the mortgage.
2. A change in household financial circumstances.
3. A recent or upcoming increase in the monthly mortgage payment.
4. An increase in other expenses.
5. A lack of sufficient cash reserves to maintain payment on the mortgage and cover basic living expenses at the same time. Cash reserves include assets such as cash, savings, money market funds, marketable stocks or bonds (excluding retirement accounts and assets that serve as emergency fund – generally equal to three times the borrower’s monthly debt payments).
6. Excessive monthly debt payments and overextension with creditors, e.g., the borrower was required to use credit cards, a home equity loan, or other credit to make the mortgage payment.
7. Other reasons for hardship detailed by the borrower.

Note: The borrower is not required to have the Hardship Affidavit notarized.

Reasonably Foreseeable (Imminent) Default

A borrower that is current or less than 60 days delinquent who contacts the servicer for a modification, appears potentially eligible for a modification, and claims a hardship must

be screened for imminent default. The servicer must make a determination as to whether a payment default is imminent based on the servicer's standards for imminent default and consistent with applicable contractual agreements and accounting standards. If the servicer determines that default is imminent, the servicer must apply the Net Present Value test.

In the process of making its imminent default determination, the servicer must evaluate the borrower's financial condition in light of the borrower's hardship as well as inquire as to the condition of and circumstances affecting the property securing the mortgage loan. The servicer must consider the borrower's financial condition, liquid assets, liabilities, combined monthly income from wages and all other identified sources of income, monthly obligations (including personal debts, revolving accounts, and installment loans), and a reasonable allowance for living expenses such as food, utilities, etc. The hardship and financial condition of the borrower shall be verified through documentation.

Documenting the Reason for and Timing of Imminent Default

A servicer must document in its servicing system the basis for its determination that a payment default is imminent and retain all documentation used to reach its conclusion. The servicer's documentation must also include information on the borrower's financial condition as well as the condition and circumstances of the property securing the mortgage loan.

Net Present Value (NPV) Test

All loans that meet the HMP eligibility criteria and are either deemed to be in imminent default (as described above) or 60 or more days delinquent must be evaluated using a standardized NPV test that compares the NPV result for a modification to the NPV result for no modification. If the NPV result for the modification scenario is greater than the NPV result for no modification, the result is deemed "positive" and the servicer MUST offer the modification. If the NPV result for no modification is greater than NPV result for the modification scenario, the modification result is deemed "negative" and the servicer has the option of performing the modification in its discretion. For mortgages serviced on behalf of a third party investor for which the modification result is deemed "negative," however, the servicer may not perform the modification without express permission of the investor. If a modification is not pursued when the NPV result is "negative," the servicer must consider the borrower for other foreclosure prevention options, including alternative modification programs, deeds-in-lieu, and preforeclosure sale programs.

Whether or not a modification is pursued, the servicer MUST maintain detailed documentation of the NPV model used, all NPV inputs and assumptions and the NPV results.

Fannie Mae has developed a software application for servicers to submit loan files to the NPV calculator. The software application is available on the Home Affordable

Modification servicer web portal accessible through www.financialstability.gov. On this portal, servicers will have access to the NPV calculator tool as well as detailed guidelines for submitting proposed modification data.

Servicers having at least a \$40 billion servicing book will have the option to create a version of the NPV calculator that uses a set of cure rates and redefault rates estimated based on the experience of their own portfolios, taking into consideration, if feasible, current LTV, current monthly mortgage payment, current credit score, delinquency status and other loan or borrower attributes. Detailed guidance on required inputs for custom NPV calculations is forthcoming.

For mortgages serviced on behalf of a third party investor, the servicer must use a discount rate at least as high as the rate used on the servicer's own portfolio, but in no event higher than the maximum rate permitted under the HMP.

To obtain a property valuation input for the NPV calculator, servicers may use either an automated valuation model (AVM), provided that the AVM renders a reliable confidence score, or a broker's price opinion (BPO). A servicer may use an AVM provided by one of the GSEs. As an alternative, servicers may rely on their internal AVM provided that:

- (i) the servicer is subject to supervision by a Federal regulatory agency;
- (ii) the servicer's primary Federal regulatory agency has reviewed the model; and
- (iii) the AVM renders a reliable confidence score.

If a GSE AVM or the servicer AVM is unable to render a value with a reliable confidence score, the servicer must obtain an assessment of the property value utilizing a BPO or a property valuation method acceptable to the servicer's Federal regulatory supervisor. Such assessment must be rendered in accordance with the Interagency Appraisal and Evaluation Guidelines (as if such guidelines apply to loan modifications). In all cases, the property valuation used cannot be more than 90 days old.

Verifying Borrower Income and Occupancy Status

Servicers may use recent verbal financial information obtained from the borrower and any co-borrower 90 days or less from the date the servicer is determining HMP eligibility to assess the borrower's eligibility. The servicer may rely on this information to prepare and send to the borrower a solicitation for the HMP and an offer of a Trial Period Plan. When the borrower returns the Trial Period Plan and related documents, the servicer must review them to verify the borrower's financial information and eligibility – except that documentation of income may not be more than 90 days old as of the determination of eligibility.

As an alternative, a servicer may require a borrower to submit the required documentation to verify the borrower's eligibility and income prior to preparing a Trial Period Plan. Upon receipt of the documentation and determination of the borrower's

eligibility, a servicer may prepare and send to the borrower a letter indicating that the borrower is eligible for the HMP together with a Trial Period Plan.

The borrower will only qualify for the HMP if the verified income documentation confirms that the monthly mortgage payment ratio prior to the modification is greater than 31 percent. The “monthly mortgage payment ratio” is the ratio of the borrower’s current monthly mortgage payment to the borrower’s monthly gross income (or the borrowers’ combined monthly gross income in the case of co-borrowers). The “monthly mortgage payment” includes the monthly payment of principal, interest, property taxes, hazard insurance, flood insurance, condominium association fees and homeowner’s association fees, as applicable (including any escrow payment shortage amounts subject to a repayment plan). When determining a borrower’s monthly mortgage payment ratio, servicers must adjust the borrower’s current mortgage payment to include, as applicable, property taxes, hazard insurance, flood insurance, condominium association fees and homeowner’s association fees if these expenses are not already included in the borrower’s payment. The monthly mortgage payment does not include mortgage insurance premium payments or payments due to holders of subordinate liens.

With respect to adjustable rate loans where there is a rate reset scheduled within 120 days after the date of the evaluation (a “Reset ARM”), the monthly mortgage payment used to determine eligibility will be the greater of (i) the borrower’s current scheduled monthly mortgage payment or (ii) a fully amortizing monthly mortgage payment based on the note reset rate using the index value as of the date of the evaluation (the “Reset Interest Rate”). With respect to adjustable rate loans that reset more than 120 days after the date of the evaluation, the borrower’s current scheduled monthly mortgage payment will be used to determine eligibility.

The borrower’s “monthly gross income” is the borrower’s income amount before any payroll deductions and includes wages and salaries, overtime pay, commissions, fees, tips, bonuses, housing allowances, other compensation for personal services, Social Security payments, including Social Security received by adults on behalf of minors or by minors intended for their own support, and monthly income from annuities, insurance policies, retirement funds, pensions, disability or death benefits, unemployment benefits, rental income and other income. If only net income is available, the servicer must multiply the net income amount by 1.25 to estimate the monthly gross income.

Servicers should include non-borrower household income in monthly gross income if it is voluntarily provided by the borrower and if there is documentary evidence that the income has been, and reasonably can continue to be, relied upon to support the mortgage payment. All non-borrower household income included in monthly gross income must be documented and verified by the servicer using the same standards for verifying a borrower’s income.

The servicer may not require a borrower to make an up-front cash contribution (other than the first trial period payment) for the borrower to be considered for the HMP.

The HMP documents instruct the borrower (the term “borrower” includes any co-borrower) to provide the following financial information to the servicer:

If the borrower is employed:

- A signed copy of the most recently filed federal income tax return, including all schedules and forms, if available,
- A signed IRS Form 4506-T (Request for Transcript of Tax Return), and
- Copies of the two most recent paystubs indicating year-to-date earnings.
- For additional income such as bonuses, commissions, fees, housing allowances, tips and overtime, a servicer must obtain a letter from the employer or other reliable third-party documentation indicating that the income will in all probability continue.

If the borrower is self-employed:

- A signed copy of the most recent federal income tax return, including all schedules and forms, if available,
- A signed IRS Form 4506-T (Request for Transcript of Tax Return), and
- The most recent quarterly or year-to-date profit and loss statement for each self-employed borrower.
- Other reliable third-party documentation the borrower voluntarily provides.

Note: For both a salaried or a self-employed borrower, if the borrower does not provide a signed copy of the most recently filed federal income tax return, or if the Compliance Agent so requires, the servicer must submit the Form 4506-T to the IRS to request a transcript of the return.

If the borrower elects to use alimony or child support income to qualify, acceptable documentation includes:

- Photocopies of the divorce decree, separation agreement, or other type of legal written agreement or court decree that provides for the payment of alimony or child support and states the amount of the award and the period of time over which it will be received. Servicers must determine that the income will continue for at least three years.
- Documents supplying reasonably reliable evidence of full, regular and timely payments, such as deposit slips, bank statements or signed federal income tax returns.

If the borrower has other income such as social security, disability or death benefits, or a pension:

- Acceptable documentation includes letters, exhibits, a disability policy or benefits statement from the provider that states the amount, frequency, and duration of the benefit. The servicer must determine that the income will continue for at least three years.
- The servicer must obtain copies of signed federal income tax returns, IRS W-2 forms, or copies of the two most recent bank statements.

If the borrower receives public assistance or collects unemployment:

- Acceptable documentation includes letters, exhibits or a benefits statement from the provider that states the amount, frequency, and duration of the benefit. The servicer must determine that the income will continue for at least nine months.

If the borrower has rental income, acceptable documentation includes:

- Copies of all pages from the borrower's most recent two years of signed federal income tax returns and Schedule E – Supplemental Income and Loss. The monthly net rental income to be calculated for HMP purposes equals 75 percent of the gross rent, with the remaining 25 percent considered vacancy loss and maintenance expense.

A servicer must confirm that the property securing the mortgage loan is the borrower's primary residence as evidenced by the most recent signed federal income tax return (or transcript of tax return obtained from the IRS), a credit report and one other form of documentation that would supply reasonable evidence that the property is the borrower's primary residence (such as utility bills in the borrower's name).

A servicer is not required to modify a mortgage loan if there is reasonable evidence indicating the borrower submitted false or misleading information or otherwise engaged in fraud in connection with the modification.

Standard Modification Waterfall

Servicers are required to consider a borrower for a refinance through the Hope for Homeowners program when feasible. Consideration for a Hope for Homeowners refinance should not delay eligible borrowers from receiving a modification offer and beginning the trial period. Servicers must use the modification options listed below to begin the HMP modification and work to complete the Hope for Homeowners refinance during the trial period.

Servicers must apply the modification steps enumerated below in the stated order of succession until the borrower's monthly mortgage payment ratio is reduced as close as possible to 31 percent, without going below 31 percent (the "target monthly mortgage payment ratio"). If the applicable PSA or other investor servicing agreement prohibits the servicer from taking a modification step, the servicer may seek approval for an exception.

Servicers are not precluded under the HMP from agreeing to a modification that reduces the borrower's monthly mortgage payment ratio below 31% as long as the modification otherwise complies with the HMP requirements. Similarly and where otherwise permitted by the applicable PSA or other investor servicing contract, servicers are not precluded under the HMP from agreeing to a modification where the interest rate does not step up after five years, or where additional principal forbearance is substituted for extending the term as needed to achieve the target monthly mortgage payment ratio of 31%, so long as the modification otherwise complies with HMP requirements. However,

borrower, servicer and investor incentive payments for these modifications will be paid based on modification terms that reflect the target monthly mortgage payment ratio and standard modification terms.

Note: If a borrower has an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) or interest-only mortgage, the existing interest rate will convert to a fixed interest rate, fully amortizing loan.

Step 1: Capitalize accrued interest, out-of-pocket escrow advances to third parties, and any required escrow advances that will be paid to third parties by the servicer during the trial period and servicing advances (costs and expenses incurred in performing its servicing obligation, such as those related to preservation and protection of the security property and the enforcement of the mortgage) paid to third parties in the ordinary course of business and not retained by the servicer, if allowed by state law. The servicer should capitalize only those third party delinquency fees that are reasonable and necessary. Fees permitted by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for GSE loans shall be considered evidence of fees that would be reasonable for non-GSE loans. Late fees may not be capitalized and must be waived if the borrower satisfies all conditions of the Trial Period Plan.

Step 2: Reduce the interest rate. If the loan is a fixed rate mortgage or an adjustable-rate mortgage, then the starting interest rate is the current interest rate. If the loan is a Reset ARM, the starting interest rate is the Reset Interest Rate.

Reduce the starting interest rate in increments of .125 percent to get as close as possible to the target monthly mortgage payment ratio. The interest rate floor in all cases is 2.0 percent.

- If the resulting rate is below the Interest Rate Cap, this reduced rate will be in effect for the first five years followed by annual increases of one percent per year (or such lesser amount as may be needed) until the interest rate reaches the Interest Rate Cap, at which time it will be fixed for the remaining loan term.
- If the resulting rate exceeds the Interest Rate Cap, then that rate is the permanent rate.

The “Interest Rate Cap” is the Freddie Mac Weekly Primary Mortgage Market Survey (PMMS) Rate for 30-year fixed rate conforming loans, rounded to the nearest 0.125 percent, as of the date that the Agreement is prepared.

Step 3: If necessary, extend the term and reamortize the mortgage loan by up to 480 months from the modification effective date (i.e., the first day of the month following the end of the trial period) to achieve the target monthly mortgage payment ratio. If a term extension is not permitted under the applicable PSA or other investor servicing agreement, reamortize the mortgage loan based upon an amortization schedule of up to 480 months with a balloon payment due at maturity. Negative amortization after the effective date of the modification is prohibited.

Step 4: If necessary, the servicer must provide for principal forbearance to achieve the target monthly mortgage payment ratio. The principal forbearance amount is non-interest

bearing and non-amortizing. The amount of principal forbearance will result in a balloon payment fully due and payable upon the earliest of the borrower's transfer of the property, payoff of the interest bearing unpaid principal balance, or maturity of the mortgage loan. The modified interest bearing balance (i.e., the unpaid principal balance excluding the deferred principal balloon amount) must create a current mark-to-market LTV (current LTV based upon the new valuation) greater than or equal to 100 percent if the result of the NPV test is negative and the servicer elects to perform the modification.

There is no requirement to forgive principal under the HMP. However, servicers may forgive principal to achieve the target monthly mortgage payment ratio on a standalone basis or before any step in the standard waterfall process set forth above. If principal is forgiven, subsequent steps in the standard waterfall may not be skipped. If principal is forgiven and the interest rate is not reduced, the existing rate will be fixed and treated as the modified rate for the purposes of the Interest Rate Cap.

Verifying Monthly Gross Expenses

A servicer must obtain a credit report for each borrower or a joint report for a married couple who are co-borrowers to validate installment debt and other liens. In addition, a servicer must consider information concerning monthly obligations obtained from the borrower either orally or in writing. The "monthly gross expenses" equal the sum of the following monthly charges:

- The monthly mortgage payment, taxes, property insurance, homeowner's or condominium association fee payments and assessments related to the property whether or not they are included in the mortgage payment.
- Any mortgage insurance premiums.
- Monthly payments on all closed-end subordinate mortgages.
- Payments on all installment debts with more than ten months of payments remaining, including debts that are in a period of either deferment or forbearance. When payments on an installment debt are not on the credit report or are listed as deferred, the servicer must obtain documentation to support the payment amount included in the monthly debt payment. If no monthly payment is reported on a student loan that is deferred or is in forbearance, the servicer must obtain documentation verifying the proposed monthly payment amount, or use a minimum of 1.5 percent of the balance.
- Monthly payment on revolving or open-end accounts, regardless of the balance. In the absence of a stated payment, the payment will be calculated by multiplying the outstanding balance by 3 percent.
- Monthly payment on a Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC) must be included in the payment ratio using the minimum monthly payment reported on the credit report. If the HELOC has a balance but no monthly payment is reported, the servicer must obtain documentation verifying the payment amount, or use a minimum of one percent of the balance.
- Alimony, child support and separate maintenance payments with more than ten months of payments remaining, if supplied by the borrower.

- Car lease payments, regardless of the number of payments remaining.
- Aggregate negative net rental income from all investment properties owned, if supplied by the borrower.
- Monthly mortgage payment for second home (principal, interest, taxes and insurance and, when applicable, leasehold payments, homeowner association dues, condominium unit or cooperative unit maintenance fees (excluding unit utility charges)).

Total Monthly Debt Ratio

The borrower's total monthly debt ratio ("back-end ratio") is the ratio of the borrower's monthly gross expenses divided by the borrower's monthly gross income. Servicers will be required to send the Home Affordable Modification Program Counseling Letter to borrowers with a post-HMP modification back-end ratio equal to or greater than 55 percent. The letter states the borrower must work with a HUD-approved housing counselor on a plan to reduce their total indebtedness below 55 percent. The letter also describes the availability and advantages of counseling and provides a list of local HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and directs the borrower to the appropriate HUD website where such information is located. The borrower must represent in writing in the HMP documents that (s)he will obtain such counseling.

Face-to-face counseling is encouraged; however, telephone counseling is also permitted from HUD-approved housing counselors provided it covers the same topics as face-to-face sessions. Telephone counseling sessions provide flexibility to borrowers who are unable to attend face-to-face sessions or who do not have an eligible provider within their area.

A list of approved housing counseling agencies is available at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/> or by calling the toll-free housing counseling telephone referral service at 1-800-569-4287. A servicer must retain in its mortgage files evidence of the borrower notification. There is no charge to either borrowers or servicers for this counseling.

Mortgages with No Due-on-Sale Provision

If a mortgage that is not subject to a due-on-sale provision receives an HMP, the borrower agrees that the HMP will cancel the assumability feature of that mortgage.

Escrow Accounts

All of the borrower's monthly payments must include a monthly escrow amount unless prohibited by applicable law. The servicer must assume full responsibility for administering the borrower's escrow deposit account in accordance with the mortgage documents and all applicable laws and regulations. If the mortgage loan being considered for the HMP is a non-escrowed mortgage loan, the servicer must establish an escrow deposit account prior to the beginning of the trial period. Servicers who do not

have this capacity must implement an escrow process within six months of signing the Servicer Participation Agreement. However, the servicer must ensure that the trial payments include escrow amounts and must place the escrow funds into a separate account identified for escrow deposits.

Servicers are encouraged to perform an escrow analysis prior to establishing the trial period payment. When performing an escrow analysis, servicers should take into consideration tax and insurance premiums that may come due during the trial period. When the borrower's escrow account does not have sufficient funds to cover an expense and the servicer advances the funds necessary to pay an expense to a third party, the amount of the servicer advance that is paid to a third party may be capitalized.

In the event the initial escrow analysis identifies a shortage – a deficiency in the escrow deposits needed to pay all future tax and insurance payments – the servicer must take steps to eliminate the shortage. Any actions taken by the servicer to eliminate the escrow shortage must be in compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Truth in Lending Act.

Compliance with Applicable Laws

Each servicer (and any subservicer it uses) must be aware of, and in full compliance with, all federal, state, and local laws (including statutes, regulations, ordinances, administrative rules and orders that have the effect of law, and judicial rulings and opinions) – including, but not limited to, the following laws that apply to any of its practices related to the HMP:

- Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, which prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices.
- The Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the Fair Housing Act, which prohibit discrimination on a prohibited basis in connection with mortgage transactions. Loan modification programs are subject to the fair lending laws, and servicers and lenders should ensure that they do not treat a borrower less favorably than other borrowers on grounds such as race, religion, national origin, sex, marital or familial status, age, handicap, or receipt of public assistance income in connection with any loan modification. These laws also prohibit redlining.
- The Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, which imposes certain disclosure requirements and restrictions relating to transfers of the servicing of certain loans and escrow accounts.
- The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, which restricts certain abusive debt collection practices by collectors of debts, other than the creditor, owed or due to another.

Modification Process

Borrower Solicitation

Servicers should follow their existing practices, including complying with any express contractual restrictions, with respect to solicitation of borrowers for modifications.

A servicer may receive calls from current or delinquent borrowers directly inquiring about the availability of the HMP. In that case, the servicer should work with the borrower to obtain the borrower's financial and hardship information and to determine if the HMP is appropriate. If the servicer concludes a current borrower is in danger of imminent default, the servicer must consider an HMP modification.

When discussing the HMP, the servicer should provide the borrower with information designed to help them understand the modification terms that are being offered and the modification process. Such communication should help minimize potential borrower confusion, foster good customer relations, and improve legal compliance and reduce other risks in connection with the transaction. A servicer also must provide a borrower with clear and understandable written information about the material terms, costs, and risks of the modified mortgage loan in a timely manner to enable borrowers to make informed decisions. The servicer should inform the borrower during discussions that the successful completion of a modification under the HMP will cancel any assumption feature, variable or step-rate feature, or enhanced payment options in the borrower's existing loan, at the time the loan is modified.

Servicers must have adequate staffing, resources, and facilities for receiving and processing the HMP documents and any requested information that is submitted by borrowers. Servicers must also have procedures and systems in place to be able to respond to inquiries and complaints about the HMP. Servicers should ensure that such inquiries and complaints are provided fair consideration, and timely and appropriate responses and resolution.

Document Retention

Servicers must retain all documents and information received during the process of determining borrower eligibility, including borrower income verification, total monthly mortgage payment and total monthly gross debt payment calculations, NPV calculations (assumptions, inputs and outputs), evidence of application of each step of the standard waterfall, escrow analysis, escrow advances, and escrow set-up. The servicers must retain all documents and information related to the monthly payments during and after the trial period, as well as incentive payment calculations and such other required documents.

Servicers must retain detailed records of borrower solicitations or borrower-initiated inquiries regarding the HMP, the outcome of the evaluation for modification under the HMP and specific justification with supporting details if the request for modification

under the HMP was denied. Records must also be retained to document the reason(s) for a trial modification failure. If an HMP modification is not pursued when the NPV result is “negative,” the servicer must document its consideration of other foreclosure prevention options. If a borrower under an HMP modification loses good standing, the servicer must retain documentation of its consideration of the borrower for other loss mitigation alternatives.

Servicers must retain required documents for a period of seven years from the date of the document collection.

Temporary Suspension of Foreclosure Proceedings

To ensure that a borrower currently at risk of foreclosure has the opportunity to apply for the HMP, servicers should not proceed with a foreclosure sale until the borrower has been evaluated for the program and, if eligible, an offer to participate in the HMP has been made. Servicers must use reasonable efforts to contact borrowers facing foreclosure to determine their eligibility for the HMP, including in-person contacts at the servicer’s discretion. Servicers must not conduct foreclosure sales on loans previously referred to foreclosure or refer new loans to foreclosure during the 30-day period that the borrower has to submit documents evidencing an intent to accept the Trial Period Plan offer. Except as noted herein, any foreclosure sale will be suspended for the duration of the Trial Period Plan, including any period of time between the borrower’s execution of the Trial Period Plan and the Trial Period Plan effective date.

However, borrowers in Georgia, Hawaii, Missouri, and Virginia will be considered to have failed the trial period if they are not current under the terms of the Trial Period Plan as of the date that the foreclosure sale is scheduled. Accordingly, servicers of HMP loans secured by properties in these states may proceed with the foreclosure sale if the borrower has not made the trial period payments required to be made through the end of the month preceding the month in which the foreclosure sale is scheduled to occur.

Mortgage Insurer Approval

If applicable, a servicer must obtain mortgage insurer approval for HMP modifications. Servicers should consult their mortgage insurance providers for specific processes related to the reporting of modified terms, payment of premiums, payment of claims, and other operational matters in connection with mortgage loans modified under the HMP.

Executing the HMP Documents

Servicers must use a two-step process for HMP modifications. Step one involves providing a Trial Period Plan outlining the terms of the trial period, and step two involves providing the borrower with an Agreement that outlines the terms of the final modification.

In step one, the servicer should instruct the borrower to return the signed Trial Period Plan, together with a signed Hardship Affidavit and income verification documents (if not previously obtained from the borrower), and the first trial period payment (when not using automated drafting arrangements), to the servicer within 30 calendar days after the Trial Period Plan is sent by the servicer. The servicer is encouraged to contact the borrower before the expiration of the 30-day period if the borrower has not yet responded to encourage submission of the material. The servicer may, in its discretion, consider the offer of a Trial Period Plan to have expired at the end of 60 days if the borrower has not submitted both an executed Trial Period Plan and complete documentation as required under the Trial Period Plan. If the borrower's submission is incomplete, the servicer should work with the borrower to complete the Trial Period Plan submission. Note: The borrower is not required to have the Hardship Affidavit notarized.

Upon receipt of the Trial Period Plan from the borrower, the servicer must confirm that the borrower meets the underwriting and eligibility criteria. Once the servicer makes this determination and has received good funds for the first month's trial payment, the servicer should sign and immediately return an executed copy of the Trial Period Plan to the borrower. Payments made by the borrower under the terms of the Trial Period Plan will count toward successful completion irrespective of the date of the executed copy of the Trial Period Plan.

If the servicer determines that the borrower does not meet the underwriting and eligibility standards of the HMP after the borrower has submitted a signed Trial Period Plan to the servicer, the servicer should promptly communicate that determination to the borrower in writing and consider the borrower for another foreclosure prevention alternative.

In step two, servicers must calculate the terms of the modification using verified income, taking into consideration amounts to be capitalized during the trial period. Servicers are encouraged to wait to send the Agreement to the borrower for execution until after receipt of the second to the last payment under the trial period. Note: the borrower is not required to have the Agreement notarized.

Servicers are reminded that all HMP documentation must be signed by an authorized representative of the servicer and reflect the actual date of signature by the servicer's representative.

Acceptable Revisions to HMP Documents

Servicers are strongly encouraged to use the HMP documents available through www.financialstability.gov. Should a servicer decide to revise the HMP documents or draft its own HMP documents, it must obtain prior written approval from Treasury or Fannie Mae with the exception of the following circumstances:

- The servicer must revise the HMP documents as necessary to comply with Federal, State and local law. For example, in the event that the HMP results in a

principal forbearance, servicers are obligated to modify the uniform instrument to comply with laws and regulations governing balloon disclosures.

- The servicer may include, as necessary, conditional language in HMP offers and modification agreements indicating that the HMP will not be implemented unless the servicer receives an acceptable title endorsement, or similar title insurance product, or subordination agreements from other existing lien holders, as necessary, to ensure that the modified mortgage loan retains its first lien position and is fully enforceable.
- If the borrower previously received a Chapter 7 bankruptcy discharge but did not reaffirm the mortgage debt under applicable law, the following language must be inserted in Section 1 of the Trial Period Plan and Section 1 of the Agreement: “I was discharged in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceeding subsequent to the execution of the Loan Documents. Based on this representation, Lender agrees that I will not have personal liability on the debt pursuant to this Agreement.”
- The servicer may include language in the HMP cover letter providing instructions for borrowers who elect to use an automated payment method to make the trial period payments.

Unless a borrower or co-borrower is deceased or a borrower and a co-borrower are divorced, all parties who signed the original loan documents or their duly authorized representative(s) must execute the HMP documents. If a borrower and a co-borrower are divorced and the property has been transferred to one spouse in the divorce decree, the spouse who no longer has an interest in the property is not required to execute the HMP documents. Servicers may evaluate requests on a case-by-case basis when the borrower is unable to sign due to circumstances such as mental incapacity, military deployment, etc. Furthermore, a borrower may elect to add a new co-borrower.

Use of Electronic Records

Electronic records for HMP are acceptable as long as the electronic record complies with applicable law.

Assignment to MERS

If the original mortgage loan was registered with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) and the originator elected to name MERS as the original mortgagee of record, solely as nominee for the lender named in the security instrument and the note, the servicer MUST make the following changes to the Agreement:

(a) Insert a new definition under the “Property Address” definition on page 1, which reads as follows:

“MERS” is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for lender and lender’s successors and assigns. MERS is the mortgagee under the Mortgage. MERS is organized and existing

under the laws of Delaware, and has an address and telephone number of P.O. Box 2026, Flint, MI 48501-2026, (888) 679-MERS.

(b) Add as section 4.I.:

That MERS holds only legal title to the interests granted by the borrower in the mortgage, but, if necessary to comply with law or custom, MERS (as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns) has the right: to exercise any or all of those interests, including, but not limited to, the right to foreclose and sell the Property; and to take any action required of lender including, but not limited to, releasing and canceling the mortgage loan.

(c) MERS must be added to the signature lines at the end of the Agreement, as follows:

Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc. – Nominee for Lender

The servicer may execute the Agreement on behalf of MERS and, if applicable, submit it for recordation.

Trial Payment Period

Servicers may use recent verbal financial information to prepare and offer a Trial Period Plan. Servicers are not required to verify financial information prior to the effective date of the trial period. The servicer must service the mortgage loan during the trial period in the same manner as it would service a loan in forbearance.

The trial period is three months in duration (or longer if necessary to comply with applicable contractual obligations). The borrower must be current under the terms of the Trial Period Plan at the end of the trial period to receive a permanent loan modification. Current in this context is defined as the borrower having made all required trial period payments no later than 30 days from the date the final payment is due.

The effective date of the trial period will be set forth in the Trial Period Plan. In most cases, the effective date is the first day of the month following the servicer's mailing of the offer for the Trial Period Plan. The trial period extends for two (or more if necessary to comply with applicable contractual obligations) additional payments after the effective date.

Servicers are encouraged to require automated payment methods, such as automatic payment drafting. If automatic payment drafting is required, it must be used by all HMP borrowers, unless a borrower opts out.

If the verified income evidenced by the borrower's documentation exceeds the initial income information used by the servicer to place the borrower in the trial period by more

than 25 percent, the borrower must be reevaluated based on the program eligibility and underwriting requirements. If this reevaluation determines that the borrower is still eligible, new documents must be prepared and the borrower must restart the trial period.

If the verified income evidenced by the borrower's documentation is less than the initial income information used by the servicer to place the borrower in the trial period, or if the verified income exceeds the initial income information by 25 percent or less, and the borrower is still eligible, then the trial period will not restart and the trial period payments will not change; provided, that verified income will be used to calculate the monthly mortgage payment under the Agreement. (If, based on verified income the result of the NPV test is "negative" for modification, the servicer is not obligated to perform the modification.) However, if the servicer determines the borrower is not eligible for the HMP based on verified income, the servicer must notify the borrower of that determination and that any trial period payments made by the borrower will be applied to the mortgage loan in accordance with the borrower's current loan documents.

If a servicer has information that the borrower does not meet all of the eligibility criteria for the HMP (e.g., because the borrower has moved out of the house) the servicer should explore other foreclosure prevention alternatives prior to resuming or initiating foreclosure.

Note that under the terms of the Agreement, trial payments should be applied when they equal a full contractual payment (determined as of the time the HMP is offered).

If the borrower complies with the terms and conditions of the Trial Period Plan, the loan modification will become effective on the first day of the month following the trial period as specified in the Trial Period Plan. However, because the monthly payment under the Agreement will be based on verified income documentation, the monthly payment due under the Agreement may differ from the payment amount due under the Trial Period Plan.

Use of Suspense Accounts and Application of Payments

If permitted by the applicable loan documents, servicers may accept and hold as "unapplied funds" (held in a T&I custodial account) amounts received which do not constitute a full monthly, contractual principal, interest, tax and insurance (PITI) payment. However, when the total of the reduced payments held as "unapplied funds" is equal to a full PITI payment, the servicer is required to apply all full payments to the mortgage loan.

Any unapplied funds remaining at the end of the trial payment period that do not constitute a full monthly, contractual principal, interest, tax and insurance payment should be applied to reduce any amounts that would otherwise be capitalized onto the principal balance.

If a principal curtailment is received on a loan that has a principal forbearance, servicers are instructed to apply the principal curtailment to the interest bearing UPB. If, however, the principal curtailment amount is greater than or equal to the interest bearing UPB, then the curtailment should be applied to the principal forbearance portion. If the curtailment satisfies the principal forbearance portion, any remaining funds should then be applied to the interest bearing UPB.

Recording the Modification

For all mortgage loans that are modified pursuant to the HMP, the servicer must follow investor guidance with respect to ensuring that the modified mortgage loan retains its first lien position and is fully enforceable.

Monthly Statements

For modifications that include principal forbearance, servicers are encouraged to include the amount of the gross UPB on the borrower's monthly payment statement. In addition, the borrower should receive information on a monthly basis regarding the accrual of "pay for performance" principal balance reduction payments.

Redefault and Loss of Good Standing

If, following a successful trial period, a borrower defaults on a loan modification executed under the HMP (three monthly payments are due and unpaid on the last day of the third month), the loan is no longer considered to be in "good standing." Once lost, good standing cannot be restored even if the borrower subsequently cures the default. A loan that is not in good standing is not eligible to receive borrower, servicer or investor incentives and reimbursements and these payments will no longer accrue for that mortgage. Further, the mortgage is not eligible for another HMP modification.

In the event a borrower defaults, the servicer must work with the borrower to cure the modified loan, or if that is not feasible, evaluate the borrower for any other available loss mitigation alternatives prior to commencing foreclosure proceedings. The servicer must retain documentation of its consideration of the borrower for other loss mitigation alternatives.

Reporting Requirements

Each servicer will be required to register with Fannie Mae to participate in the HMP. Fannie Mae will provide an HMP Registration form to facilitate registration.

Additionally, servicers will be required to provide periodic HMP loan level data to Fannie Mae. The data must be accurate, complete, and in agreement with the servicer's records. Data should be reported by a servicer at the start of the modification trial period and during the modification trial period, for loan set up of the approved modification, and

monthly after the modification is set up on Fannie Mae's system. Servicers will be required to submit three separate data files as described below.

Note: The following data files can be delivered through a data collection tool on the servicer web portal available through www.financialstability.gov. Detailed guidelines for submitting data files are available at the servicer web portal. For those servicers who cannot use this process, an alternate process to submit data via a spreadsheet will be made available. More information on the alternative process for submitting data in a spreadsheet will be provided in the future.

Trial Period

Servicers will be required to provide loan level data in order to establish loans for processing during the HMP trial period. See Exhibit A for trial period set up attributes.

In addition, servicers will be required to report activity during the HMP trial period in order to substantiate the receipt of proceeds during the trial period and to record modification details. See Exhibit B for trial period reporting attributes.

Loan Setup

A one time loan set up is required to establish the approved modified HMP loan on Fannie Mae's system. The file layout is the same that is used for establishing loans for processing during the trial period. See Exhibit A for loan set up attributes.

Servicers are required to provide the set up file the business day after the modification closes. The set up file should reflect the status of the loan after the final trial period payment is applied. The set up file will contain data for the current reporting period (e.g., prior month balances).

Monthly Loan Activity Reporting

The month after the loan set up file is provided, servicers must begin reporting activity on all HMP loans on a monthly basis (e.g., loan set up file provided in July, the first loan activity report is due in August for July activity). See Exhibit C for monthly reporting attributes.

The HMP loan activity report (LAR) is due by the 4th business day each month. Servicers will have until the 15th calendar day of each month to clear up any edits and have a final LAR reported to Fannie Mae. The Fannie Mae system will validate that the borrower payment has been made as expected and that the last paid installment (LPI) date is current before accruing the appropriate monthly compensation due.

If a loan becomes past due (the LPI date does not advance), the monthly compensation on that loan will not be accrued. If the loan is brought current, compensation will not be caught up (e.g., if a loan was two months past due, and then the borrower makes the

payments and brings the loan current, the annual compensation provided would be for ten months. The two months of compensation associated with the period of delinquency is not recoverable).

Additional Data Requirements

Additional data elements must be collected and reported as specified in Exhibit D. Some of these elements must be collected for all completed modifications regardless of the date of completion; guidance for collecting these elements will be forthcoming shortly. The requirement to collect these elements for trial modifications and for loans evaluated for a modification will be phased in as specified in Exhibit D.

Reporting to Mortgage Insurers

Servicers must maintain their mortgage insurance processes and comply with all reporting required by the mortgage insurer for loans modified under the HMP. Servicers should consult with the mortgage insurer for specific processes related to the reporting of modified terms, payment of premiums, payment of claims, and other operational matters in connection with mortgage loans modified under the HMP.

Servicers are required to report successful HMP modifications and the terms of those modifications to the appropriate mortgage insurers, if applicable, within 30 days following the end of the trial period and in accordance with procedures that currently exist or may be agreed to between servicers and the mortgage insurers.

Servicers must include the mortgage insurance premium in the borrower's modified payment, and must ensure that any existing mortgage insurance is maintained. Among other things, the servicer must ensure that the mortgage insurance premium is paid. In addition, servicers must adapt their systems to ensure proper reporting of modified loan terms and avoid impairing coverage for any existing mortgage insurance. For example, in the event that the modification includes principal forbearance, servicers must continue to pay the correct mortgage insurance premiums based on the gross UPB, including any principal forbearance amount, must include the gross UPB in their delinquency reporting to the mortgage insurer, and must ensure any principal forbearance does not erroneously trigger automatic mortgage insurance cancellation or termination.

Transfers of Servicing

When a transfer of servicing includes mortgages modified under the HMP, the transferor servicer must provide special notification to the transferee servicer. Specifically, the transferor servicer must advise the transferee servicer that loans modified under the HMP are part of the portfolio being transferred and must confirm that the transferee servicer is aware of the special requirements for these loans, and agrees to assume the additional responsibilities associated with servicing them. A required form of assignment and assumption agreement must be used and is a part of the Servicer Participation Agreement.

Credit Bureau Reporting

The servicer should continue to report a “full-file” status report to the four major credit repositories for each loan under the HMP in accordance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act and credit bureau requirements as provided by the Consumer Data Industry Association (the “CDIA”) on the basis of the following: (i) for borrowers who are current when they enter the trial period, the servicer should report the borrower current but on a modified payment if the borrower makes timely payments by the 30th day of each trial period month at the modified amount during the trial period, as well as report the modification when completed, and (ii) for borrowers who are delinquent when they enter the trial period, the servicer should continue to report in such a manner that accurately reflects the borrower’s delinquency and workout status following usual and customary reporting standards, as well as report the modification when completed. More detailed guidance on these reporting requirements will be published by the CDIA.

“Full-file” reporting means that the servicer must describe the exact status of each mortgage it is servicing as of the last business day of each month.

Fees and Compensation

Late Fees

All late charges, penalties, stop-payment fees, or similar fees must be waived upon successful completion of the trial period.

Administrative Costs

Servicers may not charge the borrower to cover the administrative processing costs incurred in connection with a HMP. The servicer must pay any actual out-of-pocket expenses such as any required notary fees, recordation fees, title costs, property valuation fees, credit report fees, or other allowable and documented expenses. Servicers will not be reimbursed for the cost of the credit report(s).

Incentive Compensation

No incentives of any kind will be paid if (i) the servicer has not executed the Servicer Participation Agreement, or (ii) the borrower’s monthly mortgage payment ratio starts below 31 percent prior to the implementation of the HMP. The calculation and payment of all incentive compensation will be based strictly on the borrower’s verified income. Each servicer must promptly apply or remit, as applicable, all borrower and investor compensation it receives with respect to any modified loan.

With respect to payment of any incentive that is predicated on a six percent reduction in the borrower’s monthly mortgage payment, the reduction will be calculated by comparing the monthly mortgage payment used to determine eligibility (adjusted as applicable to

include property taxes, hazard insurance, flood insurance, condominium association fees and homeowner's association fees) and the borrower's payment under HMP.

The amount of funds available to pay servicer, borrower and investor compensation in connection with each servicer's modifications will be capped pursuant to each servicer's Servicer Participation Agreement (Program Participation Cap). Treasury will establish each servicer's initial Program Participation Cap by estimating the number of HMP modifications expected to be performed by each servicer during the term of the HMP. The Program Participation Cap could be adjusted based on Treasury's full book analysis of the servicer's loans.

The funds remaining available for a servicer's modifications under that servicer's Program Participation Cap will be reduced by the maximum amount of compensation payments potentially payable with respect to each loan modification upon entering into a trial period. In the event the compensation actually paid with respect to a loan modification is less than the maximum amount of compensation payments potentially payable, the funds remaining available for a servicer's modifications under the HMP will be increased by the difference between such amounts.

Treasury may, from time to time and in its sole discretion, revise a servicer's Program Participation Cap. Fannie Mae will provide written notification to a servicer of all changes made to the servicer's Program Participation Cap. Once a servicer's Program Participation Cap is reached, a servicer must not enter into any agreements with borrowers intended to result in new loan modifications, and no payments will be made with respect to any new loan modifications.

Servicer Incentive Compensation

A servicer will receive compensation of \$1,000 for each completed modification under the HMP. In addition, if a borrower was current under the original mortgage loan, a servicer will receive an additional compensation amount of \$500. All such servicer incentive compensation shall be earned and payable once the borrower successfully completes the trial payment period, provided that the servicer has signed and delivered to Fannie Mae a Servicer Participation Agreement, any related documentation and any required servicer or loan set up data prior to the effective date of the loan modification.

If a particular borrower's monthly mortgage payment (principal, interest, taxes, all related property insurance and homeowner's or condominium association fees but excluding mortgage insurance) is reduced through the HMP by six percent or more, a servicer will also receive an annual "pay for success" fee for a period of three years. The fee will be equal to the lesser of: (i) \$1,000 (\$83.33/month), or (ii) one-half of the reduction in the borrower's annualized monthly payment. The "pay for success" fee will be payable annually for each of the first three years after the anniversary of the month in which a Trial Period Plan was executed. If the loan ceases to be in good standing, the servicer will cease to be eligible for any further incentive payments after that time, even if the borrower subsequently cures his or her delinquency.

Borrower's Incentive Compensation

To provide an additional incentive for borrowers to keep their modified loan current, borrowers whose monthly mortgage payment (principal, interest, taxes, all related property insurance and homeowner's or condominium association fees but excluding mortgage insurance) is reduced through the HMP by six percent or more and who make timely monthly payments will earn an annual "pay for performance" principal balance reduction payment equal to the lesser of: (i) \$1,000 (\$83.33/month), or (ii) one-half of the reduction in the borrower's annualized monthly payment for each month a timely payment is made. A borrower can earn the right to receive a "pay for performance" principal balance reduction payment for payments made during the first five years following execution of the Agreement provided the loan continues to be in good standing as of the date the payment is made. The "pay for performance" principal balance reduction payment will accrue monthly but will be applied annually for each of the five years in which this incentive payment accrues, prior to the first payment due date after the anniversary of the month in which the Trial Period Plan was executed. This payment will be paid to the mortgage servicer to be applied first towards reducing the interest bearing UPB on the mortgage loan and then to any principal forbearance amount (if applicable). Any applicable prepayment penalties on partial principal prepayments made by the government must be waived. Borrower incentive payments do not accrue during the Trial Period; however, on the first month of the modification, the borrower will accrue incentive payments equal to the number of months in the trial period.

If and when the loan ceases to be in good standing, the borrower will cease to be eligible for any further incentive payments after that time, even if the borrower subsequently cures his or her delinquency. The borrower will lose his or her right to any accrued incentive compensation when the loan ceases to be in good standing.

Investor Payment Reduction Cost Share and Up Front Incentives

If the target monthly mortgage payment ratio is achieved, investors in Non-GSE Mortgages are entitled to payment reduction cost share compensation. This compensation equals one-half of the dollar difference between the borrower's monthly payment under the modification at the target monthly mortgage payment ratio and the lesser of (i) what the borrower's monthly payment would be at a 38 percent monthly mortgage payment ratio; or (ii) the borrower's pre-modification monthly payment. Payment reduction cost share compensation shall accrue monthly as the borrower makes each payment so long as the loan is in good standing as defined in these guidelines. This compensation will be provided for up to five years or until the loan is paid off, whichever is earlier.

Additionally, investors will receive a one-time incentive of \$1,500 for each Agreement executed with a borrower who was current prior to the start of the Trial Period Plan. The one-time incentive is conditional upon at least a six percent reduction in the borrower's monthly mortgage payment.

Neither the payment reduction share nor the up-front incentive shall be payable if the Trial Period Plan is not successfully completed.

Compliance

Servicers must comply with the HMP requirements and must document the execution of loan evaluation, loan modification and accounting processes. Servicers must develop and execute a quality assurance program that includes either a statistically based (with a 95 percent confidence level) or a ten percent stratified sample of loans modified, drawn within 30-45 days of final modification and reported on within 30-45 days of review. In addition, a trending analysis must be performed on a rolling 12-month basis.

Treasury has selected Freddie Mac to serve as its compliance agent for the HMP. In its role as compliance agent, Freddie Mac will utilize Freddie Mac employees and contractors to conduct independent compliance assessments. In addition, loan level data will be reviewed for eligibility and fraud.


The scope of the assessments will include, among other things, an evaluation of documented evidence to confirm adherence (e.g., accuracy and timeliness) to HMP requirements with respect to the following:

- Evaluation of Borrower and Property Eligibility
- Compliance with Underwriting Guidelines
- Execution of NPV/Waterfall processes
- Completion of Borrower Incentive Payments
- Investor Subsidy Calculations
- Data Integrity

The review will also evaluate the effectiveness of the servicer's quality assurance program; such evaluation will include, without limitation, the timing and size of the sample selection, the scope of the quality assurance reviews, and the reporting and remediation process.

There will be two types of compliance assessments: on-site and remote. Both on-site and remote reviews will consist of the following activities (among others): notification, scheduling, self assessments, documentation submission, interviews, file reviews, and reporting.

For on-site reviews, Freddie Mac will strive to provide the servicer with (i) a 30-day advance notification of a pending review and (ii) subsequent confirmation of the dates of the review. However, Freddie Mac reserves the right to arrive at the servicer's site unannounced. Freddie Mac will request the servicer to make available documentation, including, without limitation, policies and procedures, management reports, loan files and a risk control self assessment ready for review. Additionally, Freddie Mac may request additional loan files during the review. Interviews will usually be conducted in-person.



During the review window, Freddie Mac will review loan files and other requested documentation to evaluate compliance with HMP terms. Upon the completion of the review, Freddie Mac will conduct an exit interview with the servicer to discuss preliminary assessment results.

For remote reviews, Freddie Mac will request the servicer to send documentation, including, without limitation, policies and procedures, management reports, loan files and a risk control self assessment within 30 days of the request. In addition, time will be scheduled for phone interviews, including a results summary call after the compliance review is completed to discuss preliminary results.

The targeted time frame for publishing the servicer assessment report is 30 days after the completion of the review. Treasury will receive a copy of the report five business days prior to the release of the report to the servicer.

There will be an issue/resolution appeal process for servicer assessments. Servicers will be able to submit concerns or disputes to an independent quality assurance team within Freddie Mac.

A draft rating and implication methodology for the compliance assessments will be published in a subsequent Supplemental Directive and servicer feedback will be solicited prior to the finalization of the methodology.

Exhibit A: HMP Trial Modification and Official Modification Loan Setup Data Elements

The following data elements are necessary for the HMP Loan Setup for Trial Modification and Official Modification transactions.

Name	Definition	Data Type	Allowable Values	Loan Setup for Trial Period Mandatory / Conditional	Official Modification Mandatory / Conditional
GSE Servicer Number	The Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac unique Servicer identifier.	Text (30)		C	C
Servicer Loan Number	The unique (for the lender) identifier assigned to the loan by the lender that is servicing the loan.	Text (30)		M	M
HMP Servicer Number	A unique identifier assigned to each Servicer that is participating in the HMP program.	Text (30)		M	M
GSE Loan Number	A unique number assigned to each loan by a GSE (Fannie or Freddie)	Text (30)		C	C
Underlying Trust Identifier	This is the CUSIP associated with the security. A unique identification number assigned to a security by CUSIP (Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures) for trading.	Text (9)		C	C
Program Type/ Campaign ID	A new program type that will identify campaign types. The unique identifier of a Loan Workout Campaign.	Text (14)	HMP1 - HMP Delinquent, HMP2 - HMP Imminent Default HMP3 - Deed-in-lieu HMP4 - Deed-in-lieu with Jr. Lien HMP5 - Short Sale HMP6 - Short Sale With Jr. Lien	M	M
Investor Code	Owner of the mortgage.	Numeric (4,0)	1 - Fannie Mae 2 - Freddie Mac 3 - Private 4 - Portfolio 5 - GNMA 6 - FHLMC	M	M
Borrower First Name	First Name of the Borrower of record	Text (100)		M	M
Borrower Last Name	The last name of the Borrower. This is also known as the family name or surname.	Text (100)		M	M
Borrower Social Security Number	The Social Security Number of the borrower	Numeric (9)		M	M
Co-Borrower First Name	First Name of the co-borrower of record	Text (100)		C	C

Name	Definition	Data Type	Allowable Values	Loan Setup for Trial Period Mandatory / Conditional	Official Modification Mandatory / Conditional
Co-Borrower Last Name	Last Name of the co- borrower of record	Text (100)		C	C
Co-Borrower Social Security Number	The Social Security Number of the Co-Borrower	Numeric (9)		O	O
Borrower Execution Date	This is the date that the borrower signs the initial documentation for a modification.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M
Submission Status	Status of loan data being submitted	Numeric (4,0)	1-Trial 2-Borrower Disqualified 3-Official 4-Foreclosure Mitigation 5-Cancel	M	M
Date of Original Note	The date on which the original loan funding was dispersed to the borrower(s).	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M
Unpaid Principal Balance before modification	The total principal amount outstanding as of the end of the month. The UPB should not reflect any accounting based write-downs and should only be reduced to zero when the loan has been liquidated – either paid-in-full, charged-off, REO sold or Service transferred (before modification)	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Loan Mortgage Type Code	The code that specifies the type of mortgage being applied for or that has been granted.	Numeric (4,0)	1 - FHA – Loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration 2 - VA – Loans insured by the Department of Veteran’s Affairs, 3 - Conventional with PMI – Non-government insured mortgages insured by a private (non-government) insurer. 4 - Conventional w/o PMI – Mortgages with neither government nor private mortgage insurance.	M	M
Last Paid Installment Date before modification	The due date of the last paid installment of the loan.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M
First Lien Indicator	Indicates if loan is first lien.	Boolean	True/False	M	M
Foreclosure Referral Date	The date that the mortgage was referred to an attorney for the purpose of initiating foreclosure proceedings. This date should reflect the referral date of currently active foreclosure process. Loans cured from foreclosure should not have a referral date.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		O	O

Name	Definition	Data Type	Allowable Values	Loan Setup for Trial Period Mandatory / Conditional	Official Modification Mandatory / Conditional
Projected Foreclosure Sale Date	Projected date for foreclosure sale of subject property.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		O	O
Hardship Reason Code	Identifies the reason for the borrower's hardship on their mortgage payment obligations.	Numeric (4,0)	1 - Death of borrower, 2 - Illness of principal borrower, 3 - Illness of borrower family member, 4 - Death of borrower family member, 5 - Martial difficulties, 6 - Curtailment of income, 7 - Excessive obligation, 8 - Abandonment of property, 9 - Distant employment transfer, 10 - Property problem, 11 - Inability to sell property, 12 - Inability to rent property, 13 - Military service, 14 - Other, 15 - Unemployment, 16 - Business failure, 17 - Casualty Loss, 18 - Energy environment costs, 19 - Servicing problems, 20 - Payment adjustment, 21 - Payment dispute, 22 - Transfer of ownership pending, 23 - Fraud, 24 - Unable to contact borrower, 25 - Incarceration	M	M
Monthly Gross Income	Total monthly income in dollars for all borrowers on the loan. This is the gross income for all borrowers.	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Monthly Debt Payments excluding PITIA	Total amount of monthly debt payments excluding Principal, Interest, Taxes, Insurance and Association Dues (PITIA)	Currency (20,2)		M	M
NPV Date	Net Present Value – calculation date	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M

Name	Definition	Data Type	Allowable Values	Loan Setup for Trial Period Mandatory / Conditional	Official Modification Mandatory / Conditional
NPV Model Result Amount Pre-Mod	Net Present Value amount generated from the model before modification	Currency (20,2)		M	M
NPV Model Result Amount Post-Mod	Net Present Value amount generated from the model after modification	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Amortization Term before modification	Represents the number of months on which installment payments are based. Example: Balloon loans have a seven year life (Loan Term = 84) but a 30 year amortization period (Amortization Term = 360). Installment payments are determined based on the 360 month term.	Numeric (4,0)		M	M
Interest Rate before modification	The interest rate in the month prior to loan modification. Please report as rounded to nearest 8th. (e.g. 4.125)	Numeric (6,4)		M	M
Principal and Interest Payment before modification	The scheduled principal and interest amount in the month prior to loan modification.	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Escrow Payment before modification	The escrow amount in the month prior to loan modification. The amount of money that is collected from [added on to] the regular monthly mortgage payment to cover periodic payments of property taxes, private mortgage insurance and hazard insurance by the servicer on behalf of the mortgagee. Depending on the mortgage terms, this amount may or may not be collected. Generally, if the down payment is less than 20%, then these amounts are collected by the servicer.	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Association Dues/ Fees before modification	Existing monthly payment for association dues/fees before modification	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Principal Payment Owed or Not Reported	If borrower has contributed any cash or amounts in suspense	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Other Contributions	If there are any amounts contributed by the borrower due to Hazard Claims	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Attorney Fees Not in Escrow	Estimated legal fee not in escrow for advances capitalization and liquidation expense calculation	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Escrow Shortage for Advances	Any Escrow advance amounts to be capitalized.	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Other Advances	Other advances for advances capitalization other than escrow. Example: Attorney fees, Servicing Fees, etc.	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Borrower Contributions	If the borrower is contributing any amounts, they must be reported here	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Modified Loan Term – Officer Signature Date	Servicer sign off at the officer level for the loan modification. This is the date the servicer's officer approved the loan modification. This column will be populated for modification cases that need reclassification. There is no conversion needed for existing cases	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		C	C

Name	Definition	Data Type	Allowable Values	Loan Setup for Trial Period Mandatory / Conditional	Official Modification Mandatory / Conditional
Disbursement Forgiven	If there are any Forgiven disbursement for advances capitalization	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Monthly Housing Expense before modification	The dollar amount per month of the borrower's present housing expense .May be used for their primary or non-primary residence. This must be Principal, Interest, Taxes, Insurance and Association Dues (PITIA).	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Delinquent Interest	Delinquent interest for interest capitalization. It is the amount of delinquent interest from the delinquent loan's LPI date to the workout execution date.	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Interest Owed or Payment Not Reported	If there is Interest owed/received but not reported for interest capitalization, this field must be populated.	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Servicing Fee Percent after modification	Percentage of servicing Fee after loan modification (e.g. 0.25)	Numeric (4,2)		M	M
Product before Modification	The mortgage product of the loan before the modification.	Numeric (4,0)	1- ARM, 2 - Fixed Rate, 3 - Step Rate, 4 - One Step Variable, 5 - Two Step Variable, 6 - Three Step Variable, 7 - Four Step Variable, 8 - Five Step Variable,9 - Six Step Variable, 10 - Seven Step Variable,11 - Eight Step Variable, 12 - Nine Step Variable,13 - Ten Step Variable, 14 - Eleven Step Variable, 15 - Twelve Step Variable, 16 - Thirteen Step Variable, 17 - Fourteen	M	M
Maturity Date before Modification	The date on which the mortgage obligation is scheduled to be paid off, according to the mortgage note. Maturity Date is commonly called Balloon Date for balloon loans, for which scheduled amortization does not pay off the balance of the loan, so that there is a final, large "balloon" payment at the end.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M

Name	Definition	Data Type	Allowable Values	Loan Setup for Trial Period Mandatory / Conditional	Official Modification Mandatory / Conditional
Remaining Term before Modification	The number of months until the loan will be paid off, assuming that scheduled payments are made. This will equal lesser of 1. The number of months until the actual balance of the loan will amortize to zero; or 2. the number of months difference between the Loan Extended Term and the number of payments made by the borrower, where number of payments made by the borrower is derived by: Actual Last Paid Installment Date - First Installment Due Date - 1 (in months).	Numeric (4,0)		M	M
Front Ratio before Modification	The refreshed Front-end DTI (Principal, Interest, Taxes, Insurance and Association Dues (PITIA)) housing ratio.	Numeric (4,2)		M	M
Back Ratio before Modification	Percentage of borrower's PITIA plus debts to income ratio. Borrower Total Debt To Income Ratio Percent. The monthly expenses divided by the total monthly income for the Borrower. (e.g. 30.25)	Numeric (4,2)		M	M
Principal and Interest Payment at 31% DTI	Principal and Interest payable for a 31% Debt to Income ratio	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Principal and Interest Payment at 38% DTI	Principal and Interest payable for a 38% Debt to Income ratio	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Property – Number of Units	Number of units in subject property (Valid values are 1, 2, 3 or 4)	Numeric (4,0)		M	M
Property – Street Address	The street address of the subject property	Text (100)		M	M
Property – City	The name of the city where the subject property is located	Text (100)		M	M
Property – State	The 2-character postal abbreviation of the state, province, or region of the subject property.	Text (2)		M	M
Property – Zip Code	The code designated by the postal service to direct the delivery of physical mail or which corresponds to a physical location. In the USA, this can take either a 5 digit form (ZIP Code) or a 9-digit form (ZIP + 4).	Text (9)		M	M
Property Valuation - Method	Type of value analysis.	Numeric (4,0)	1 - Full appraisal – Prepared by a certified appraiser; 2 - Limited appraisal – Prepared by a certified appraiser; 3 - Broker Price Opinion “BPO” – Prepared by a real estate broker or agent; 4 - Desktop Valuation – Prepared by bank employee; 5 - Automated Valuation Model	M	M

Name	Definition	Data Type	Allowable Values	Loan Setup for Trial Period Mandatory / Conditional	Official Modification Mandatory / Conditional
			"AVM" 6 - Automated Valuation Model "AVM" - Other		
Property Valuation - Date	Date of the property value analysis	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M
Property Valuation – As Is Value	Property as-is value determined by the property valuation	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Property Condition Code	A code denoting the condition of the subject property.	Numeric (4,0)	1 - Excellent 2 - Good, 3 - Fair 4 - Poor 5 - Condemned 6 - Inaccessible	M	M
Property Occupancy Status Code	A code identifying the occupancy by the borrower of the subject property.	Numeric (4,0)	1 - Vacant 2 - Borrower Occupied 3 - Tenant Occupied 4 - Unknown 5 - Occupied by Unknown	M	M
Property Usage Type Code	A code identifying the intended use by the borrower of the property.	Numeric (4,0)	1 - Principal Residence 2 - Second or Vacation Home 3 - Investment Property	M	M
Modification Effective Date	The date on which the loan terms will be modified.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M
Product After Modification	The mortgage product of the loan, after the modification (Fixed or Step).	Numeric (4,0)	1 - ARM, 2 - Fixed Rate, 3 - Step Rate, 4 - One Step Variable, 5 - Two Step Variable, 6 - Three Step Variable, 7 - Four Step Variable, 8 - Five Step Variable, 9 - Six Step Variable, 10 - Seven Step Variable, 11 - Eight Step Variable, 12 - Nine Step Variable, 13 - Ten Step Variable, 14 - Eleven Step Variable, 15 - Twelve Step Variable, 16 - Thirteen Step Variable, 17 - Fourteen	M	M

Name	Definition	Data Type	Allowable Values	Loan Setup for Trial Period Mandatory / Conditional	Official Modification Mandatory / Conditional
Amortization Term after Modification	The number of months used to calculate the periodic payments of both principal and interest that will be sufficient to retire a mortgage obligation.	Numeric (4,0)		M	M
Unpaid Principal Balance after modification	The unpaid principal balance of a loan after the loan modification. The unpaid principal balance after modification excludes any applicable forbearance amount and can also be referred to as Net UPB Amount.	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Last Paid Installment Date after modification	The due date of the last paid installment of the loan.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M
Interest Rate after modification	The interest rate in the month after loan modification.	Numeric (6,4)		M	M
Interest Rate Lock Date for Modification	The date that the rate lock was applied - in reference to modification of loan terms	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M
First Payment Due Date after modification	First payment due date under the modified terms	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M
Principal and Interest Payment after modification	The P&I amount after modification	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Escrow Payment after modification	Existing monthly payment to escrow-after modification	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Monthly Housing Expense After Modification	The dollar amount per month of the borrowers housing expense after modification .May be used for their primary or non-primary residence. This must be Principal, Interest, Taxes, Insurance and Association Dues (PITIA).	Currency (20,2)		M	M
Maturity Date after modification	The maturity date of the loan after modification	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M
Principal Forbearance Amount	The total amount in dollars of the principal that was deferred through loss mitigation.	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Term after Modification	For loans where the term of the loan can be extended rather than increasing the principal and interest payment, this is the total term of the loan including any extension. For all non-extendable loans, the extended term defaults to the original term.	Numeric (4,0)		M	M
Front Ratio after modification	Percentage of borrower's PITIA to income ratio	Numeric (4,2)		M	M
Back Ratio after modification	Percentage of borrower's PITIA plus debts to income ratio	Numeric (4,2)		M	M
Principal Write-Down (Forgiveness)	Amount of principal written-down or forgiven	Currency (20,2)		C	C
Paydown or Payoff of Subordinate Liens	Have sub-ordinate liens been paid off or paid down?	Boolean	True/False	C	C
Paydown or Payoff of Subordinate	Amount of paydown or payoff of subordinate liens	Currency (20,2)		C	C

Name	Definition	Data Type	Allowable Values	Loan Setup for Trial Period Mandatory / Conditional	Official Modification Mandatory / Conditional
Liens Amount					
Max Interest Rate after modification	Interest rate cap for the loan.	Number (6,4)		M	M
Length of Trial Period	The length of the trial period	Numeric (3,0)		M	M
1 st Trial Payment Due Date	The date the 1st payment is due during the trial period	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	O
1 st Trial Payment Posted Date	The date the first payment posted during the Trial period	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	O
1 st Trial Payment Received Amount	This is the actual amount of the Payment received from the Borrower to the Servicer for the 1st Trial payment.	Currency (20,2)		M	O
If the Product Type After Modification is Step Rate then at least one occurrence of the following group of fields must exist. The first occurrence must have a step effective date of 5 years for the first effective due date after modification.					
Step – Interest Rate Step Number	The sequence is used to uniquely identify and order Loan Interest Rate Adjustment schedule records specific to the loan's step rate schedule.	Numeric (4)		M	M
Step – Payment Effective Date	The date the payment will be effective.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M	M
Step – Note Rate	The interest rate in the month after loan modification.	Numeric (6,4)		M	M
Step – New Interest Rate – Step Duration	After modification step duration. If this step is the last step and will be the rate and payment effective for the life of the loan, then duration is not required.	Numeric (4)		M	M
Step – Principal and Interest Payment	P&I Amount - The amount of the principal and/or interest payment due on the loan for each installment, beginning on the effective date.	Currency (20,2)		M	M

Exhibit B: HMP Monthly Trial Data Collection Elements

The following data elements are necessary for recording borrower payments during the trial period.

Name	Definition	Data Type	Allowable Values	Mandatory/Conditional
HMP Servicer Number	A unique identifier assigned to each Servicer that is participating in the HMP program.	Text (30)		M
Servicer Loan Number	The unique (for the lender) identifier assigned to the loan by the lender that is servicing the loan.	Text (30)		M
GSE Loan Number	A unique number assigned to each loan by a GSE (Fannie or Freddie)	Text (30)		C
GSE Servicer Number	The Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac unique Servicer identifier.	Text (30)		C
Trial Payment Number	The number of the trial payment being reported. The code that is used to define a single payment number that will be one of a series of payments that together will complete a loan trial payment period.	Numeric (4,0)		M
Trial Payment Received Amount	The actual dollar amount of the payment received from the borrower to the servicer for the trial payment.	Currency (20,2)		M
Trial Payment Posted Date	The date the payment was posted during the trial period.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M

Exhibit C: Monthly Loan Activity Records

The following data elements are required for monthly loan activity records (LARs). Step rate attributes (interest rate, rate effective date, P&I payment) will only be reported on the LAR the month before the rate change is effective. The Action Code and Action Date are only reported when a loan is being removed (e.g., payoff, repurchase).

Name	Definition	Data Type	Allowable Values	Mandatory/Conditional
HMP Servicer Number	A unique identifier assigned to each Servicer that is participating in the HMP program.	Text (30)		M
Servicer Loan Number	The unique (for the lender) identifier assigned to the loan by the lender that is servicing the loan.	Text (30)		M
Last Paid Installment Date After Modification	The due date of the last paid installment of the loan.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		M
Unpaid Principal Balance After Modification	The unpaid principal balance of a loan after the loan modification. The unpaid principal balance after modification excludes any applicable forbearance amount and can also be referred to as Net UPB Amount.	Currency(20,2)		M
Interest Payment	Interest portion of the P&I remitted	Currency(20,2)		M
Principal Payment	Principal portion of the P&I remitted	Currency(20,2)		M
Step – Payment Effective Date	The date the payment will be effective.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)		C
Step – Note Rate	The interest rate in the month after loan modification.	Numeric (6,4)		C
Step – Principal and Interest Payment	P&I Amount - The amount of the principal and/or interest payment due on the loan for each installment, beginning on the effective date.	Currency(20,2)		C
Action Code	A code reported by the lender to update the loan that indicates the action that occurred during the reporting period	Numeric	60 (payoff) 65 (repurchase) 70 (liquidation held for sale) 71 (liquidation 3 rd party sale/condemnation/assigned to FHA/VA) 72 (liquidated – pending conveyance) 76 (Deed in Lieu) 77 (Deed-in-Lieu with Jr. lien) 78 (Short Sale) 79 (Short Sale with Jr. Lien)	C
Action Code Date	The effective date of the action associated with the action code. The action date is required for certain action codes.	Date (CCYY-MM-DD)	N/A	C

Exhibit D

HMP Additional Data Requirements

Data required to be collected as specified below must be reported on a loan by loan basis starting on October 1, 2009. This document does not describe all of the data that the servicer must retain; it addresses only the data that must be reported.

Must be reported starting October 1, 2009 for transactions occurring before October 1, 2009

- Race, ethnicity, sex of borrower and co-borrower (submission by borrower is voluntary)
- Middle name of borrower and co-borrower
- Date of birth of borrower and co-borrower
- Credit score of borrower and co-borrower
- NPV Model inputs, e.g., discount rate, flag for nonstandard model, non-standard re-default rate, non-standard cure rate
- Selected data on loan, borrower, and property characteristics as of origination, to the extent already required by OCC or OTS to be reported under “Mortgage Metrics”

The above fields must be collected as follows and reported starting October 1, 2009:

- all completed modifications;
- trial modifications commenced on or after July 1, 2009; and
- starting on October 1, 2009, loans evaluated for a modification (to be defined) that do not enter trial modifications.

Must be reported starting October 1, 2009 (detailed definitions to be provided by June 1, 2009)

- Reason loans evaluated for a modification were not modified, or that trial modification was not completed
- Status and disposition of eligible loans not modified, including trial mods not completed
- Status and disposition of loans that were modified but failed to remain in good standing because they became 90 or more days delinquent
- Second liens – flag for presence of a second lien; source of information (e.g., credit report); available terms (e.g., fixed vs. ARM; closed- vs. open-end); owner; and payoff. Continuous tracking of second lien status is not required.
- Purpose of loan (e.g., home purchase, refinance, cash-out refi)
- Information about foreclosure suspension
- Information about reliance on non-borrower household income
- Flag for borrower in bankruptcy at time of modification
- Flag for borrower in loss mitigation prior to modification
- Information about involvement of a third party representing the borrower
- Information about mortgage insurance