IMPORTANT INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has published Mortgagee Letter 2015-15 effective June 12, 2015 regarding Mortgagee Optional Election Assignment for Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECMs) with FHA Case Numbers assigned prior to August 4, 2014.

Pursuant to this published Mortgagee Letter, when a reverse mortgage becomes due and payable due to the death of the HECM Borrower there may be certain options available based upon completing the eligibility requirements described in Mortgagee Letter 2015-15.

An “Eligible Surviving Non-Borrowing Spouse” includes:

✓ Was either:
  - Legally married – as determined by the law of the state in which the spouse borrower reside(d) or the state of celebration – to the HECM borrower at the time of loan closing and who remained married to the HECM borrower until the HECM borrower’s death; or
  - Engaged in committed relationship with the borrower akin to marriage but was prohibited, at the time of HECM loan origination, from marrying the HECM borrower based on the gender of both the borrower and Non-Borrowing Spouse, but was legally married prior to the death of the borrower, as determined by the law of the state in which the spouse and borrower reside(d) or the state of celebration, to the HECM borrower and remained married until the death of the borrowing spouse;

✓ Currently resides and resided in the property secured by the HECM as his or her principal residence at origination of the HECM and throughout the duration of the HECM borrower’s life, and;

✓ Who has or is able to obtain – within 90 days following the death of the last surviving borrower - good, marketable title to the property or a legal right (e.g. executed lease, court order, etc.) to remain in the property for life.

After the death of the last HECM borrower, a Non-Borrowing Spouse may elect to satisfy the HECM and retain the property securing the HECM for the lesser of the unpaid principal balance or 95% of the property’s current appraised value. Further, after the death of the last surviving borrower, the property Securing the HECM may be sold by the borrower’s estate and/or the borrower’s heir(s) (regardless of the presence of any Non-Borrowing Spouse) for the lesser of the unpaid principal balance or 95% of the property’s appraised value.

To begin the eligibility process or obtain additional information of the eligibility and document requirements please contact us in writing at:

Champion Mortgage
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The following documents need to be submitted for eligibility review within 90 days of the date of the HECM borrower’s death:

- Written notice of their request to review for eligibility of Non-Borrower Spouse
- Confirmation of requesting spouse’s Social Security Number
- Payment of the current Default Balance (if any) for Taxes and/or Insurance *(Note - Property Taxes & Insurance must be maintained and paid current for program eligibility)*
- Death Certificate of HECM Borrower(s)
- Proof of requesting Spouse’s Name/Date of Birth (e.g. Driver’s License or any State/Federal issued ID)
- Proof of Occupancy as principal residence.
- Marriage Certificate or other document supporting committed relationship on or before the time of the HECM loan closing and remained married until the HECM Borrower’s death
- Non Borrowing Spouse Certification
- Evidence of Marketable Title or your Legal Right to the Property, such as:
  - Court Order, such as an order appointing Personal Representative or Administrator of the Estate
  - Executed Lease
  - Copy of the Deed showing Non-Borrower Spouse ownership interest

HUD Mortgagee Letter 2015-15 does not allow for the mortgage to be in default for any other reason. Any default balance for Property Charges must be paid in full. HECM must have been assigned an FHA Case Number prior to August 4, 2014.

Once eligibility is completed, an approval or denial letter will be provided.

You may reach our Reverse Mortgage Servicing Center at 1-855-683-3095 from 8:00am to 8:00pm Eastern Time, Monday through Thursday and 8:00am to 5:00pm Eastern Time on Friday. You may also find additional information on our website at [www.championmortgage.com](http://www.championmortgage.com).

Sincerely,

Customer Support
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ATTENTION TEXAS RESIDENTS:

THE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS A RECOVERY FUND TO MAKE PAYMENTS OF CERTAIN ACTUAL OUT OF POCKET DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY BORROWERS CAUSED BY ACTS OF LICENSED RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS. A WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE RECOVERY FUND MUST BE FILED WITH AND INVESTIGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THE PAYMENT OF A CLAIM. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE RECOVERY FUND, PLEASE CONSULT THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE AT WWW.SML.TEXAS.GOV.

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