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In the summer of 2013, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the final rule for the HOME program. A part of the final HOME rule has significant changes to the organizational structure and requirements for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO). The Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Development (MCDHCD) is initiating the certification process for all currently certified CHDO's. The certification will be done according to the final HOME rule.

Therefore in order to receive certification for funding under the 2016 HOME program, you are requested to review the attached checklist and complete the required forms regarding organizational structure and capacity. MCDHCD will review the information and make a determination on your CHDO receiving certification under the FY 2016 program.

If you believe that your CHDO cannot meet the organizational structure and capacity as required under the new proposed HOME rule please notify us as soon as possible. Please identify the area and or areas that will impact your CHDO's ability to obtain the required certification.

Should you have any questions, please contact Denise Neuschwander at (610) 278-3725 or by email at dneuschw@montcopa.org.