

Flood Insurance Changes

What Every Floodplain
Official Should Know



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# **Program Changes BW-12 TOP 10** Flood Insurance Changes 2015 2016 What Every Floodplain Official Should Know **HFIAA**

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**10. Rate Changes – Premium Increases** 

Premium increases effective April 1, 2016

Comply with limitations introduced by Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act (HFIAA)

 Individual premium rate increases capped at 18% for most policies

### **TOP 10**

**Premium Increases** 

**April 1, 2015** 

2016

#### **Exception:**

Pre-FIRM Subsidized policies must be increased 25% until reach full-risk rates

- Non-primary residential properties
- Severe repetitive loss properties
- Substantially damages/substantially improved properties
- Non-residential business properties (Effective 4/1/16)



- 9. Surcharges and Fees
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#### Surcharges and fees not subject to 18% cap:

- Probation surcharge (\$50.00 when applicable)
- •Federal Policy Fee (Effective 4/1/16)
- •HFIAA Surcharge (Effective 4/1/15)

\*Increase in total amount charged may exceed 18% cap

### **TOP 10**

Surcharges and Fees

**April 1, 2015** 

**2016** 

Probation Surcharge

\$50 when applicable

Federal Policy Fee

\$45-\$50 standard policies

\$22-\$25 Preferred Risk Policy (PRP)

RCBAP schedule increased HFIAA Surcharge

Applies to all policyholders

\$25 for primary residences

\$250 for all others



- 8. Residential \$10K Deductible
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HFIAA made optional \$10K deductible available (April 2015)

- All residential properties
  - including 1-to-4 family buildings
- Mortgagee written consent required (November 2015 FIM)

### **TOP 10**

Residential \$10K Deductible

**April 1, 2015** 

#### March 23, 2016 modification (effective 11/1/15)

- Advanced mortgagee consent eliminated
- Insurers must clearly disclose availability of optional deductibles & their effect on policyholders
- Disclosure cautions policyholders to check with mortgagee about acceptability



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### Force Placement Overview

- Lender determines at any time during the life of the loan that property securing the loan is located in SFHA;
- Flood insurance is available;
- Flood insurance is inadequate or does not exist; and
- After required notice, borrower fails to purchase appropriate amount of coverage.



#### Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act:

- Established timing of 45-day notice
- Clarified premium charge during 45-day notice period
- Allows force placement during 45-day notice period
- Requires lender to notify force place insurer to:
  - Terminate within 30 days
  - Refund any overlapping coverage

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Force Placement– Final Rule

**October 1, 2015** 



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- New escrow rules effective 1/1/16
- Lenders > \$1 billion in total assets
- Applies to residential improved real estate or mobile homes
- Affects "designated loans" with tripwire event
  - Making, Increasing, extending, renewing
- Map changes are not tripwire events

Escrows-Final Rule

**January 1, 2016** 

#### **Exceptions:**

Small lender (< \$1billion) & six loan exceptions

 Non-performing loans, home equity lines of credit, subordinate liens, shortterm loans, condos, co-ops, homeowner associations & business or agricultural loans



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- Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act allows mandatory purchase exemption for certain detached structures
- Three Components Required:
  - Applies to Residential Property
  - Detached from primary residential structure
  - Does not serve as a residence

Detached Structures
Exemption –
Final Rule

October 1, 2015

"(3) DETACHED STRUCTURES. –Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, flood insurance shall not be required, in the case of any residential property, for any structure that is a part of such property but is detached from the primary residential structure of such property and does not serve as a residence."



- 4. Cancellation Revisions
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- Prior term refunds limited to select cancellation reasons
- Refunds restricted to 5 years maximum (down from 6 years)
- Certain cancellation refunds for current year only
- Duplicate policy cancellation limitations (NFIP policies only)

Cancellation Revisions

**November 1, 2015** 

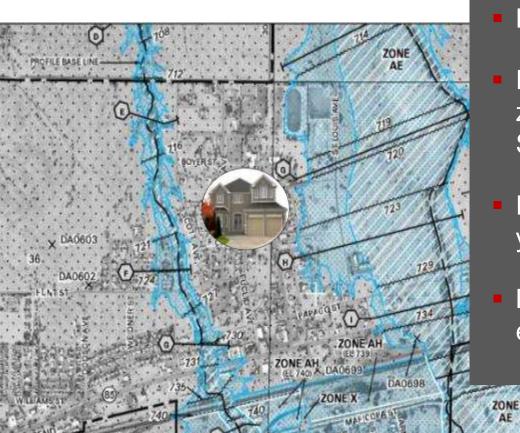
#### **Cancellation Receipt Date Procedures**

- November 1, 2015 New requirement:
  - Cancellation receipt date = Date cancellation request/documentation received
- March 23, 2016 requirement modified:
  - Cancellation receipt date = Date cancellation request received
  - If all supporting documentation is received within 60 days



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# Newly Mapped Procedure



- Effective April 2015
- Newly Mapped procedure
- Properties in B, C, X and D zones on the old map to an SFHA on new map
- Preferred Risk premium first year
- Must meet specific loss eligibility requirements

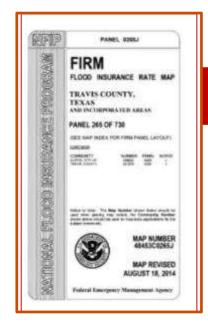
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# Newly Mapped procedure

### Newly Mapped after April 1, 2015

Newly Mapped into SFHA on or after April 1, 2015:

- Eligible for Newly Mapped:
  - If coverage effective within 12 months of map revision
- Not eligible for Newly Mapped:
  - Coverage not effective within12 months of map change
  - May qualify for grandfathered or subsidized rating



Within 12 months of map revision

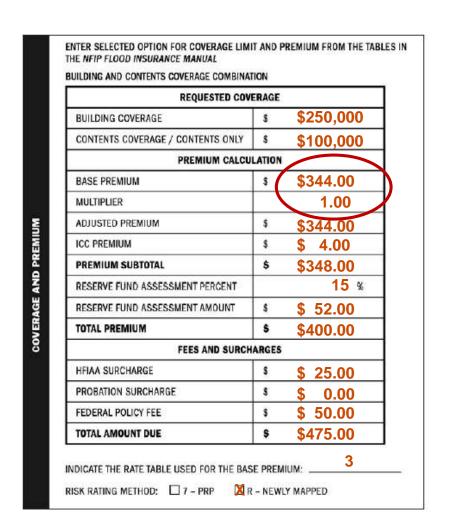
NOTE: All Properties must meet Preferred Risk Policy loss requirements to be eligible for Newly Mapped Procedure

### Newly Mapped procedure

### **New Rating Methodology**

# Rating Methodology (Effective 4/1/16)

- Identify Base Premium
- Apply Multiplier
  - First Year 1.00
  - Varies based on map change year
- Add ICC Premium
- Calculate and add RFA
- Add HFIAA surcharge
- Add Probation surcharge (if applicable)
- Add Federal Policy Fee

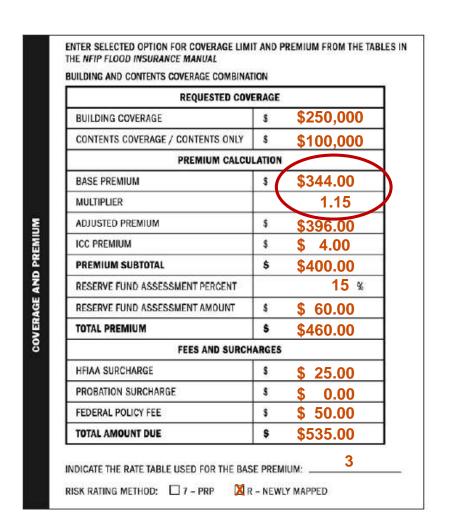


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- RCBAP's co-insurance penalty triggers:
  - Building limit is < 80% of replacement cost, or</li>
  - < maximum limit available</p>
- Unit owner loss assessments can now be paid under Dwelling Form (DWP) when association incurs coinsurance penalty
- NOTE: Combined building coverage of RCBAP and DWP cannot exceed maximum limit

Condominium Loss Assessments

April 1 2016 (FEMA Bulletin W-16024)

#### **BW-12 – Section 100214 – Payment of Condominium Claims**

Prohibits denying payment to condo unit owners under Dwelling Form Policy (DWP) for building claims that can not be paid under Residential Condominium Building Association Policy (RCBAP)



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# Subsidy Elimination – Lapsed Policies

HFIAA prohibits use of Pre-FIRM subsidized rates for lapsed policies unless property covered by policy no longer required to retain coverage

#### Effective April 1, 2016, a policy will not be eligible for:

- · Pre-FIRM subsidized rates, or
- Newly Mapped procedure

#### If <u>all</u> of the following apply:

- The policy reinstates coverage on a building previously covered by an SFIP that expired or was cancelled, and
- One or more of named insureds on new policy was named insured or had ownership interest on cancelled/expired policy, and
- The policy was reinstated with premium received:
  - More than 90 days after prior policy expiration or cancellation
  - (ONE TIME: Not lapsed if received after 30 days but not more than 90 days)
  - More than 30 days after (subsequent occurrence), and
- Policy expiration or cancellation was <u>for a reason other than</u> that:
  - The insured was no longer legally required to obtain and maintain flood insurance
  - The insured property was in a community that was suspended by the NFIP



# Thanks for attending!



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