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### **FHA Introduces a Unified View of Case Records with Launch of the *FHA Catalyst: Servicing Module***

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) launched the new *FHA Catalyst: Servicing Module*. With this first release, the module introduces the framework that will enable mortgagees to view unified case records in a singular platform and is part of FHA's ongoing efforts to support the entire loan lifecycle through [FHA Catalyst](#).

The Servicing Module uses FHA case information retained in the *FHA Catalyst: Single Family Origination Module* to perform servicing queries, which is the first time two modules are connecting data within *FHA Catalyst*. Effective January 19, 2021, the initial functionality within the [FHA Catalyst: Servicing Module](#) will allow servicers to:

- Receive periodic mortgage insurance premium (PMIP) due notification data.
- Query a case electronically using web-based interfaces (application programming interface [API] and user interface [UI]). Servicers can retrieve case details by a single

or bulk case query. *FHA Catalyst* will retrieve case details for cases associated with their Lender ID.

Additionally, the functionality eliminates the need to submit duplicative fields, reducing personally identifiable information (PII) transmission.

Access to the *FHA Catalyst: Servicing Module* and its corresponding API Guide for implementation instructions, is available to stakeholders upon request only by emailing the FHA Resource Center at: [answers@hud.gov](mailto:answers@hud.gov) or by calling: 1-800-CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342).

Servicers are also encouraged to review the [FHA Catalyst: Servicing Module User Guide](#) and other resources on the [module's web page](#).

**Quick Links:**

- *FHA Catalyst*: <https://www.hud.gov/catalyst>
- *FHA Catalyst*: Servicing Module:  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/housing/FHACatalyst/servicing\\_module](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/FHACatalyst/servicing_module)
- *FHA Catalyst*: Servicing Module User Guide:  
[https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/Housing/documents/FHACatalystServicingModuleExternalUserGuide\\_v1.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/Housing/documents/FHACatalystServicingModuleExternalUserGuide_v1.pdf)
- *FHA Catalyst*: Single Family Origination Module:  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/housing/FHACatalyst/singlefamilyorigination](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/FHACatalyst/singlefamilyorigination)

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**Uniform Closing Dataset Collection Now Available through the  
*FHA Catalyst*: Single Family Origination Module**

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published [Mortgagee Letter \(ML\) 2021-02, \*FHA Catalyst: Single Family Origination Module – Uniform Closing Dataset\* \(UCD\)](#). This ML announces expanded mortgage origination capabilities, initially introduced in [ML 2020-35](#), within the [FHA Catalyst](#) platform.

Beginning January 19, 2021, mortgagees may begin using the [FHA Catalyst: Single Family Origination Module](#) for the optional submission of the UCD for FHA Title II Single Family forward mortgage programs. The UCD refers to a common industry dataset that allows information on the Closing Disclosure to be communicated electronically. Under FHA's existing requirements, mortgagees are required to review and retain the Closing Disclosure as part of the case binder and, where applicable, to deliver the case binder to FHA. Now mortgagees have the option of submitting the UCD in *FHA Catalyst* prior to endorsement. Module users may also access additional information on the [FHA Catalyst: Single Family Origination Module web page](#).

FHA is offering a conduit on the *FHA Catalyst* platform to accept FHA Connection (FHAC) Business-to-Government (B2G) submissions for Insurance Application functions. The conduit is available to mortgagees that are currently set up to do this directly with FHAC.

The policy updates contained in today's MLs will be incorporated in an upcoming revision of the [Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1](#) (SF Handbook).

Access to the *FHA Catalyst*: Single Family Origination Module – UCD and FHAC B2G submissions are available upon request only by emailing the FHA Resource Center at: [answers@hud.gov](mailto:answers@hud.gov) or by calling: 1-800-CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342).

**Quick Links:**

- ML 2021-02 and all other archived Mortgagee Letters:  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/administration/hudclips/letters/mortgagee](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/letters/mortgagee)
- *FHA Catalyst* information: <https://www.hud.gov/catalyst>
- *FHA Catalyst*: Single Family Origination Module web page:  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/housing/FHACatalyst/singlefamilyorigination](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/FHACatalyst/singlefamilyorigination)
- Online or PDF versions of the SF Handbook:  
[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/hudclips/handbooks/hsg](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/hudclips/handbooks/hsg)

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### **Release of Application Programming Interface Specification for Integration within *FHA Catalyst*: Claims Module**

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) announced the release of an application programming interface (API) specification for all Single Family forward mortgage claim types within the [FHA Catalyst: Claims Module](#). The API specification allows servicers to develop a web-based interface between the module and their systems to facilitate electronic claim submissions.

The API specification is now available for use by request only. To access the API specification, stakeholders can request access by emailing the FHA Resource Center at: [answers@hud.gov](mailto:answers@hud.gov) or by calling: 1-800-CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342).

**Quick Links:**

- *FHA Catalyst* information: <https://www.hud.gov/catalyst>
- *FHA Catalyst*: Claims Module:  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/housing/FHACatalyst/claimsmodule](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/FHACatalyst/claimsmodule)

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- Call 1-800-CALLFHA (1-800-225-5342). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may reach this number by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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