

Homestead Solutions, Inc.

Non-Profit HUD-Certified Housing Counseling Agency

Dear Homeowner,

As a HUD-Certified Foreclosure Intervention Counseling Agency, we are happy to hear that you have decided to explore all the options available to you to prevent your home from being sold at a Sheriff's Auction as the result of a foreclosure judgment.

Our goal is to provide you with the information, tools and assistance to stop the foreclosure on your home. It is very important that you begin right away because the earlier we lay out a plan and begin a dialogue with your lender(s), the better chance we have of achieving your goals.

This process generally takes 30-90 days or more depending on your situation, so please be patient as we attempt to work out a resolution for you with your lender.

Enclosed you will find the following forms:

1. **Scope of Services** – This explains what our agency does and how we do it.
2. **Authorization to Release Information** – This will allow us to pull your credit and speak with your lender to look at the options that will suit your needs. **Please fill out completely; missing information will delay activity on your file.**
3. **Hardship Letter** – When writing your Hardship Letter be extremely thorough and truthful. Provide exact dates and details about your situation whenever possible. If you have supporting information (doctors notices, unemployment papers, etc.) please provide copies. You want the lender to understand your reason for falling behind. This is a very important part of your paperwork. You may handwrite it or you may type it. Please sign and date it. **Please refer to website for examples of Hardship Letters.**
4. **Financial Statement** – It is critical to include all expenses and make sure to be as accurate as possible. Should you need to estimate an amount, do so on the high end. We need to be certain we're working with accurate information when setting up your plan.
5. **Level 1 Action Plan** – This document provides details that outline the first steps that need to be taken. It is important that you follow it closely and notify our office if you are unable to provide any of the requested documentation or if you have any questions about the Level 1 Action Plan.

We look forward to working with you and congratulations on taking the initial step to preventing foreclosure!

Please understand with the high volume of calls, I may not be able to speak with you right away when you call. I do return all calls within 24 hours. Lender negotiations is a process that takes time and I will be working hard towards the best solution for your situation.

Sincerely,



Tad Krogstad
Foreclosure Intervention Advisor
Homestead Solutions, Inc.

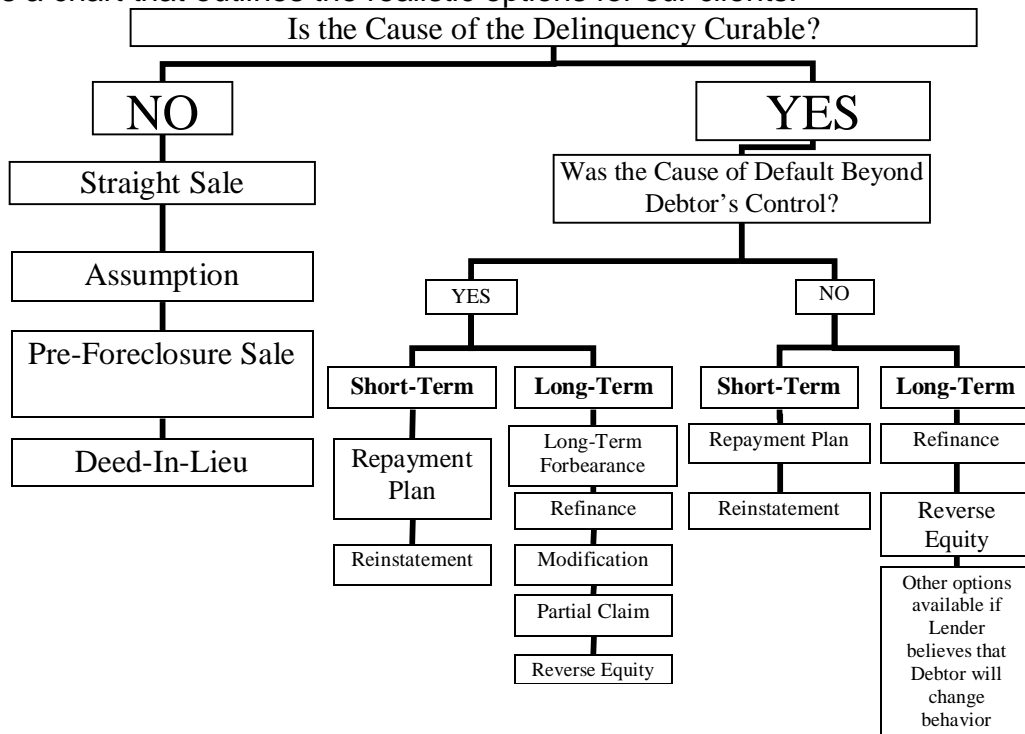
Scope of Services

As a HUD-Approved Foreclosure Intervention Counseling Agency, our goal is to educate individuals who are at risk of losing their homes due to delinquent payments to their lender.

Most people have a lot of questions and we are here to help you find the answers. Below is an overview of our process so you know what to expect when you seek out our assistance.

1. An HSI Advisor will typically interview you over the phone (or direct you to our online form) and fill out an intake sheet. You will be asked questions about your property and the finances related to that property. Because we are funded by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), a government agency, we are required to collect government recording data for statistical purposes. (ie, age, sex, race, etc) We assure you that the information you provide will be kept confidential.
2. The Advisor will ask you about your personal finances and discuss some of the options based on your situation. The Advisor will then discuss the client package and how to get that back to us. **It is important that this package is filled out as accurately as possible, missing information will delay negotiations.**
3. Once this package is returned to us, you will then become a client. A member of our staff will contact you to set up a meeting with your Advisor to go over all your options, answer any additional questions and allow you to choose which route you want to take to prevent the foreclosure.

Below is a chart that outlines the realistic options for our clients:



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435 Algoma Blvd.

Oshkosh, WI 54901

Phone: 920-230-3324

Fax: 920-236-3313

www.HomesteadSolutions.org

Authorization to Release Information

Mortgage Company Name(s): _____

Mortgage Loan/Account Number(s)#: _____

Property Full Address: _____

Authorization from (date) _____ to (date) _____ (1 year)

I/We hereby authorize you to release to the following staff of **Homestead Solutions, Inc (EIN# 56-2641741)**:

Tad Krogstad – Homestead Solutions, Inc.

Mendee Hackbarth – Homestead Solutions, Inc.

Laurie Lee – Homestead Solutions, Inc.

Doug Norton – Homestead Solutions, Inc.

Alisha Olson – Homestead Solutions, Inc.

Patti Bryant - Homestead Solutions, Inc.

Roxie Ludvigson - Homestead Solutions, Inc.

or its principals, agents, employees and assigns **any and all information** that they may require about my loan/account, including but not limited to balances, transfers, payoffs and servicing for the above referenced property. "Agents" shall include all real estate agents, attorneys, title agents and their assistants. You may reproduce this document to acquire reference from more than one source.

I/We authorize **Homestead Solutions, Inc. at 435 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901 (920) 230-3324**, its staff or representatives, to act on my/our behalf for the purpose of seeking a resolution with regard to the property listed above. I/We authorize our lending institution/mortgage company to fax, mail, or email any items requested by Homestead Solutions, Inc. in reference to our mortgage delinquency immediately. I understand that Homestead Solutions, Inc. receives Congressional funds through the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling (NFMC) program and, as such, is required to share some of my personal information with NFMC program administrators or their agents for purposes of program monitoring, compliance and evaluation. I/we authorize Homestead Solutions, Inc. to submit our information to the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program, which may: open files to be reviewed for program monitoring and compliance purposes; pull our credit record solely for program evaluation purposes a minimum of two times between this day and June 30, 2010; and to conduct follow-up with us related to program evaluation. Pursuant to Public Law 91-50B, Title VI, Section 604 (2) & (3) A & B and Section 610 (a) – (d), I/We hereby authorize any Credit Reporting Agency to disclose any consumer credit information to Homestead Solutions, Inc. and hereby name the above staff as the authorized "person of my choosing." Additionally, you may discuss my file with Homestead Solutions, Inc. personnel (Law No. 1610 (d) 1). **I also agree to reimburse HSI for the expense of pulling my/our credit reports.**

Borrower Signature

Date

Social Security#

Birth date

Printed Name:

Co-Borrower Signature

Date

Social Security#

Birth date

Printed Name:

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LEVEL ONE ACTION PLAN

The following is your Level One Action Plan. This plan outlines the steps that need to be taken prior to your meeting with one of our Foreclosure Intervention Advisors.

Please follow the directions carefully.

1. The following items in this packet need to be **filled out completely**, signed and mailed or faxed to the Homestead Solutions office as soon as you receive this Action Plan:
 - a. Authorization to Release Information-**include mortgage loan number**
 - b. Client Financial Statement
 - c. Hardship Letter

We cannot proceed until we receive items a, b, and c.

2. When we receive a, b, and c in our office, our staff will then set you up as a client and contact you within 48 hours to set up an appointment with an advisor.

Bring COPIES of the items listed below to your session. If you need us to make copies for you we will, but because we are a non-profit we will ask for \$.25/copy. If you can't bring us copies, we will return all your originals when we close your file.

If you fail to bring these items with you, we may have to cancel your appointment. Please also let us know if you have any physical or mental handicaps, so we can accommodate any special needs.

- 2008 Tax Returns with W-2s and/or 1099s
 - Bank Statements (2 most recent months)-checking and/or savings
 - Proof of Income – 60 days of Paystubs and/or Unemployment, Award Letters (Social Security, Disability, Food Assistance, Child Support) all forms of income need written proof
 - Recent mortgage statement or coupon book
 - Any other direct mail pieces offering assistance with your foreclosure
 - Any collection letters, foreclosure filings, etc.
 - Proof of expenses (Utility bills, credit card statements, etc.)
 - Other paperwork you deem important for us to review
 - Start Tracking Your DAILY Expenses
3. If any of the items listed above are not available, please write a short statement as to why the items are not being provided. For example, if you are unemployed, you won't have any pay stubs, or if you did not file tax returns, haven't received a recent mortgage statement or don't have a checking/savings account, these items will not be available.
 4. **Please bring a check, money order or cash (exact change is necessary) of \$20.00 for a credit report that we will need to pull on your behalf.**
 5. Start thinking about possible items in your current budget that can be reduced or eliminated if your goal is to remain in the property. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

**We will be working our hardest to find you the best route based on your situation. Please understand we will request updated information from you (bank statements, income verification) depending on what your mortgage company requests. If you delay in getting us requested information, please understand we are not able to work on your file until we get what we requested.

Upon your appointment, you **MUST BRING** with you the following:

- Full Tax returns with W-2's and/or 1099.
- Last two months of bank statements. (Checking and/or Savings)
- Last three months of ALL proof of income. (Check stubs and/or unemployment, SSI award letters, Disability, Food assistance and child support)
- Proof of residence. (Utility bills, credit card statements, etc.)
- Recent mortgage statement and/or payment book.
- Any other direct mail pieces offering assistance with your foreclosure.
- Any collection letters, foreclosure filings, etc.

-Failure to bring these items to your appointment may result in a **CANCELLATION** with the need to reschedule.

-If you find that some of these items are unobtainable, please write a brief statement explaining why.

-Only **COPIES will be taken at the time of your appointment. NO ORIGINALS.**
If we need to make copies for you, there will be a \$.25 charge PER copy made.