

## CHECK OUT EXCITING NEW PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS!

	Piggyback HELOC Purchase or Refinance		Standalone HELOC			
	Primary Residence	Second Home	2nd Lien		1st Lien*	
Occupancy	Primary Residence	Second Home	Primary Residence	Second Home +++	Primary Residence	Non Owner Occupied +++
Maximum HCLTV+	89.99%	85.00%	89.99%	80.00%	80.00%	70.00%
Minimum FICO**	680	700	700	720	700	720
Maximum DTI	45%	43%	45%	43%	45%	43%
Maximum Line Amount***	\$500,000 \$750,000 (80.00% HCLTV) \$1,000,000 (80.00% HCLTV, 720 FICO) ++	\$500,000	\$500,000 \$750,000 (80.00% HCLTV, 720 FICO) ++	\$500,000	\$500,000 \$750,000 (720 FICO) ++	\$500,000
Non-Occupant Co-Borrowers	Allowed with 720+ FICO for Primary Wage Earner		Not Allowed			Allowed
Minimum Initial Draw	\$25,000 (All States Except AZ, CA, FL, OR, WA) \$50,000 (AZ, CA, FL, OR, WA)		\$50,000 (All States)			
Max Combined Loan Amount	\$3,000,000			N/A		
Tradeline Requirements	1 Open/Active, with DU/LP Approval		See Credit & Income Guidelines			
Property Type	SFR (1-4 Unit); PUD; Townhome; Condo; Manufactured Homes (Double-wide, 1976 or newer)					
Acreage Restrictions	No Acreage Limit if Common to Market					
Max Properties Financed	Total of Ten (10) Properties Financed by Borrower, Including Subject Property					
Loan Term	5 Year Draw w/ I/O Payments / 25 Year Amortizing Repayment					
Qualifying HELOC Payment	Fully Drawn Line at Start Rate + 2.00%, Amortized Over 30-Year Term					
Eligible Geography	All states where Symmetry is currently accepting submissions					
Transaction Type Definition	Any HELOC submitted to Symmetry ≤120 days from closing the 1st mortgage		Any HELOC submitted to Symmetry >120 days from closing the 1st mortgage			

\*1st Lien HELOCs not offered in VT or WY

\*\*Min FICO Score: Requirement must be met by Primary Wage Earner's middle score from the Symmetry Tri-Merged Credit Report

\*\*\*Max Line Amount in MD cannot exceed \$500,000 for Piggyback HELOCs or \$250,000 for Standalone HELOCs

+ Max 79.99% HCLTV in NM for First Lien HELOC

++ Available in all active states except: CA, DE, MD, ME, NC, OK, TN

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**Symmetry Certainty:** As part of Symmetry's commitment to **Service, Speed, and Simplicity**, the purpose of this document is to highlight certain Credit & Income details that generate common questions about nuances to our program. As a general statement, Symmetry's guidelines align with those of the Freddie/Fannie Agencies. **However, please familiarize yourself with the information on these pages regarding some overlays and other important items specific to Symmetry, where it may not always align.**

## Credit Guidelines:

**Piggyback:** Any HELOC that is either a) closed in tandem with a 1st mortgage closing on the same subject property at the same time, or b) submitted to Symmetry less than 120 days, and closed by Symmetry less than 150 days, after the closing date of a 1st mortgage on the same subject property (aka "Post-Close Piggyback").

**Standalone:** Any HELOC that is submitted to Symmetry more than 120 days, or closed by Symmetry more than 150 days, after the closing date of a 1st mortgage on the same subject property.

**Symmetry Credit Score:** Symmetry will pull its own tri-merged credit report on each borrower when we receive your submission. The Symmetry mid-score for the Primary Wage-Earner must meet the minimums for each program.

**Derogatory Seasoning:** Symmetry follows FNMA guidance for seasoning requirements on Short Sale, Foreclosure, Deed in Lieu, and Bankruptcies. Please refer to FNMA selling guide.

**Restrictions Following Derogatory Seasoning Period:** (Applies to Stand-Alone & 1st Lien Transactions Only)

Past due installment debt payments	No 30 days past due or greater in the past 4 years
Past due revolving debt payments	No 60 days past due or greater after date of discharge or completion of plan
Past due mortgage payments	No 30 days past due or greater in the past 4 years; <b>AND</b> No 60 days past due or greater after date of discharge or completion of plan
Public records for judgements, collections, or charge offs	None greater than \$1,000 in the past 4 years
Local, state, or federal liens	None after date of discharge or completion of plan (includes paid and unpaid)
Public records for medical related items	No restrictions

**Credit Accounts with Modification, Deferment or Forbearance:** For mortgage, home equity, installment, or revolving accounts that are reporting a modification plan, a payment deferral plan, or forbearance plan to the account, Symmetry follows FNMA guidance. Please refer to the FNMA selling guide.

**Recent Credit Inquiries:** Symmetry requires all recent credit inquiries to be explained via LOX or Processor's Certification. Any new debt must be verified and factored into DTI ratios. Refer to FNMA Selling Guide.

**Tradelines Requirements:** All borrowers contributing income for qualifying must collectively meet these requirements:

For all Piggyback loans submitted with FNMA DU or FDMC LP approval, Symmetry has the following minimum tradeline requirements:

- One (1) tradeline reporting that is open, active, and current, **OR**
- One (1) tradeline reporting that was once open and paid as agreed for a minimum of five (5) years

For all Standalone and all Piggyback loans submitted **without** DP or LP approval, Symmetry will underwrite to the following tradeline requirements:

- One (1) tradeline reporting that is open for twenty-four (24) months and active within the most recent six (6) months;

**AND**

- Two (2) remaining tradelines that are rated for twelve (12) months and may be open or closed

**OR**

- One (1) tradeline reporting that is a paid-as-agreed mortgage for a minimum of twelve (12) months and is active within the most recent twenty-four (24) months; **AND**
- One (1) remaining tradeline that is open and active

### **Maximum number of Borrower financed properties**

- 10 properties financed is the maximum allowed in total between all borrowers on the loan application
- Financed Properties include: Primary Res., Second Homes, Vacation Homes, Lot/Land, Residential 1-4 Unit Properties
- Financed Properties exclude: Commercial Real Estate, Multifamily (5 or more units) Real Estate, Timeshares

### **Lien Position**

- Second Lien Piggybacks, Stand-Alone 2nds, 1st Lien HELOCs

## **Income / Employment / Debt Ratio Guidelines:**

**Income Calculations & Documentation:** Symmetry follows Agency Income Guidelines (refer to FNMA Selling Guide) with limited overlays

- **Non-Occupant Co-Borrower Income:** Allowed for Piggyback HELOCs only, with 720+ FICO. Not Allowed for Standalone HELOCs
- **Must Have 1 Paystub**
  - Dated no more than 60 days prior to the Symmetry submission date
  - Must include all year-to-date earnings
- **Self-Employed Income Calculation:** Symmetry will follow FNMA guidelines and requirements for calculating the income derived from Self-Employed businesses. For Stand Alone and First Liens we require 2 years tax returns.
- **Income Documentation:** When a Piggyback is submitted with DU or LP findings, Symmetry will follow the income documentation requirements outlined in those findings
  - This includes FNMA Day 1 Certainty, when DU findings allow
- **Rental Income Requirements**
  - Executed lease agreement with an initial duration of 12 months
  - Verification of deposit matching the monthly lease agreement **OR** verification of deposit of the security deposit on a newly executed lease
  - Symmetry WILL accept a Form 1007 or Form 1025 rent schedule on subject property purchase transactions
- **Employment Related Assets**
  - If the employment-related assets are in the form of stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, 100% of the value (remaining after the costs for the transaction and consideration of any penalty) will be used to determine the income stream. Please refer to the FNMA selling guide.
- **Declining Income (S/E, Commission, Bonus):** Symmetry will typically use a 24-month average
  - If income is declining by > 20%, calculation will be based on the most recent 12-months' earnings
  - If income is declining due to a one-time event (e.g. medical leave), income may be adjusted to exclude that time period. This is analyzed by Symmetry on an exception basis.
  - **Qualifying Payment:** Symmetry uses applicable qualifying rates for payments on the 1st mortgage. Qualify for the Symmetry HELOC with a 30-year P&I payment, at the approved HELOC amount, at the Start Rate + 2.00%. Refer to Symmetry Pricing Guide for Start Rate.

- **Debt to Income Ratio**
  - Primary Residence: Max 45.00% back-end DTI (No front-end DTI requirements)
  - Second Home: Max 43.00% back-end DTI (No front-end DTI requirements)
- **Tax Calculation**: Symmetry will use 1.25% for the standard Real Estate Tax calculation for new construction. Supporting documentation allowed to evidence lower tax rates
- **Unallowable 1st Mortgage Types**: Symmetry will not follow 1st mortgages that have Interest-Only or Negative Amortization payment terms
- **Installment Debts**: May be excluded from DTI calculation when 10 or fewer months remain
- **Revolving Debts**:
  - Symmetry will NOT allow the use of assets to offset Revolving Debt
  - Symmetry will utilize 5% of the outstanding balance for the monthly payment, when the Credit report does not show a payment or when the payment is marked as estimated
  - Symmetry can use current statements to validate the balance and payment if it is lower than what the Credit Report indicates
  - For open 30-day charge accounts that do not reflect a monthly payment on the credit report, or 30-day accounts that reflect a monthly payment that is identical to the account balance, please refer to FNMA selling guide
- **Child Support Payments**: Payments must be included in DTI calculation as installment debt
- **Alimony**: Payment amounts will be deducted from the borrower's monthly income amount
- **Mortgage Credit Certificates**: Symmetry will not allow these to be used as income
- **Maryland Residency Requirements**:
  - Proof of residency, U.S. citizen or a U.S. permanent resident
- **Non-Resident Visa Requirements**: Acceptable documentation includes:
  - All qualifying Non-Permanent Resident Alien borrowers must hold a valid and eligible visa issued by the USCIS as evidence of lawful presence in the U.S. Additionally, Non-Permanent Resident Alien borrowers may be required to verify their ability to travel out of and return to the U.S. All Non-Permanent Resident Alien applicants must have a Social Security Number (SSN).
  - An Employment Authorization Card (EAD) by itself is not sufficient to document that a non-U.S. Citizen is legally able to reside in the United States. It is known as a "work permit" and is a document that provides its holder a legal right to work in the U.S. It is not the same thing as a green card.

The following documents are not acceptable in lieu of a valid SSN as they do not evidence the applicant's right to earn income in the U.S.:

- Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN): Issued to an individual who is ineligible for a SSN and is used for tax purposes only. An ITIN is a 9-digit number, beginning with the number '9' and formatted like an SSN
- Matricula Consular Card: An identification card issued by the Mexican Consulate to individuals who are otherwise undocumented (no green card or valid visa). Matricula Consular Cards do not support legal residency in the U.S.
- The following Visa Types are Ineligible for a Symmetry HELOC
  - A-3; B-1; B-2; C-3 OPT; F-1; H-1C; I; J-1; K-1; M-1; M-2; O-2; P-1; P-2; P-3; Q-1; Q-2; R-1; U-1; U-2; U-3; U-4; U-5

## Collateral Guidelines:

All appraisals are requested to be submitted in XML format. If 1st Generation PDF files are submitted, there may be a resulting delay in converting the appraisal files to allow for completion of the appraisal review.

Symmetry will accept the following types of appraisals:

- **Full Appraisal**: The full appraisal must be reviewed and approved by Symmetry's Appraisal Review Department. A full appraisal is required for any loan exceeding \$250,000 in loan size. It must have been ordered by or completed for our broker partner.
- **Bifurcated Appraisal**: The Bifurcated Appraisal must be reviewed and approved by Symmetry's Appraisal Review Department. A bifurcated appraisal can only be used when the loan size is less than or equal to \$250,000. It must have been ordered by or completed for our broker partner.
- **Desktop Appraisal (aka Valuation Report)**: The Desktop Appraisal must be reviewed and approved by Symmetry's Appraisal Review Department and can only be used when the loan is less than or equal to \$250,000 in loan size. It must have been ordered by or completed for our broker partner or for Symmetry Lending through Symmetry's approved vendors.
- **Exterior-Only Appraisal**: The Exterior-Only Appraisal must be reviewed and approved by Symmetry's Appraisal Review Department and can only be used when the loan is less than or equal to \$250,000 in loan size. It must have been ordered by or completed for our broker partner or for Symmetry Lending through Symmetry's approved vendors.

\* Symmetry will accept appraisal reports with a maximum age of 120 days old at the date of submission to Symmetry, and the loan must close no more than 150 days from the Effective Date of the Appraisal.

\*\* Symmetry has the ability to order all Appraisal/Valuation types listed above from our approved vendors.

\*\*\* For stand-alone and 1st Lien transactions all Desktop Appraisals and Exterior-Only appraisals must be ordered by Symmetry from our approved vendors.

## Desktop Appraisals (aka Valuation Reports) and Exterior-Only Appraisals

Symmetry can utilize a Desktop Appraisal (aka Valuation Report) with an exterior property inspection or an Exterior-Only Appraisal when the submission request involves:

- Stand-Alone or 1st Lien HELOC; or
- An appraisal that has expired; or
- A loan that is submitted with an appraisal that has deficiencies that cannot be resolved (pursuant to the "Deficient Appraisals" section outlined above); or
- A Property Inspection Waiver (PIW) that has been granted for the 1st mortgage per the DU/LP Findings and the HELOC will be closing as a piggyback or post-close piggyback. When the value obtained by Symmetry is lower than the DU/LP Findings value by 5% or less, Symmetry will accept the value approved in the DU/LP Findings.

**Note:** The maximum HELOC Line Size is \$250,000 when utilizing a Desktop Appraisal or Exterior-Only Appraisal.

All Desktop Appraisal and Exterior-Only Appraisal reports will be reviewed by Symmetry's Appraisal Review Department for technical compliance with regard to the subject property and market data analyzed. If a property is determined to be non-conforming or complex, a full appraisal will be required. Desktop Appraisals and Exterior-Only Appraisals that are deemed reasonable and supported will be accepted. In cases where the appraisal analysis is deemed unreasonable, a full appraisal will be required.

## Requirements for Accepting Expired Appraisals

For piggyback, post-close piggyback, stand-alone, and 1st Lien transactions an expired appraisal can be accepted under the following circumstances:

- **Expired Appraisals with Recertification of Value (Re-Cert):** For any original appraisals that are expired according to Symmetry guidelines, but are dated within 1 calendar year of Symmetry's loan application, will be accepted with a Re-Cert. The Re-Cert must be performed by a licensed appraiser, dated within 30 days of the Symmetry loan application, and dated within 60 days of Symmetry's loan funding. The Re-Cert must use updated comps and must state an updated opinion of value. The original appraisal and Re-Cert must be reviewed and accepted by Symmetry's Appraisal Review Department. Symmetry will use the value indicated on the original appraisal. If the Re-Cert shows that the market conditions in the area where the property is located are declining, Symmetry will order a Desktop Appraisal (aka Valuation Report) or an Exterior-Only Appraisal.
- **Expired Appraisals without Recertification of Value (Re-Cert):** For any original appraisals that are expired according to Symmetry guidelines and do not include a Re-Cert, Symmetry will order a Desktop Appraisal or an Exterior-Only Appraisal. The valuation must be reviewed and accepted by Symmetry's Appraisal Review Department. Symmetry will use the value indicated on the valuation.

## Other Collateral Guidelines

- **Condominiums:** Symmetry generally follows agency guidelines. Refer to FNMA Selling Guide
  - Symmetry does not require Condo Questionnaire
- **Ineligible Property Types:** Symmetry does not accept loans with collateral of the following types:
  - Mobile Homes, Dome Homes, Earth or Berm Homes, Vacant Land, Non-Residential Homes, Income producing Properties, Condotels, Leasehold Estates, and Manufactured Homes that are single-wide and / or built before 1976
  - Properties that are not typical to market with supporting comps
  - Symmetry does not have maximum acreage limitations

**Please Note: All properties must be typical to market with supporting comps utilized in the valuation**

## **Closing Costs/Fees:**

- **Lender Origination Fee:** \$450.00 (Except in New Jersey)
- **Lender Application Fee:** \$450.00 (New Jersey Only)
- **Title Insurance Fee:**

### **Piggyback (Purchase and Refinance)**

- JR Title Insurance or a similar product is required for all HELOCs greater than \$250k.
- Symmetry Lending will use the 1st mortgage title work on piggybacks of \$250k or less.

### **Standalone, Post-Close, 1st Lien**

- JR Title Insurance or a similar product is required for all Stand-Alone, Post-Close, 1st Lien HELOCs
- **Recording Fees**
- **Other Third-Party Fees:** Includes all fees that are assessed by third parties in order to complete the closing and funding of the HELOC.
- **Valuations:**
  - Valuation Report: \$165
  - Appraisals (when ordered by Symmetry): Set by the market.
  - **Please see our Collateral Guidelines section for information related to which valuation product is required.**

**Broker Fee:** Borrower-paid Broker Fee may be charged by Mortgage Company/Broker for origination and/or settlement services actually performed in conjunction with a HELOC, in accordance with the following chart:

Piggyback HELOCs (Concurrent & Post-Close Piggyback)	Standalone HELOCs & 1st Lien HELOCs
Allowable Broker Fee of \$500 <u>or</u> 1% of the HELOC draw amount	Allowable Broker Fee of \$500 <u>or</u> 1.5% of the HELOC draw amount

**Please Note: In order for Symmetry to collect this fee on your behalf, you MUST notify Symmetry of this at the time of loan submission**

- States that do NOT permit a broker fee: Iowa

Symmetry Lending has listed the fees involved or provided a range of fees that are to be paid by the borrower. Some of the fees are not known or controlled by Symmetry Lending or are set by the market of the collateral location.

Symmetry Lending does not allow the mortgage company / broker to charge any additional fees to the consumer.

## Misc. Info / Helpful Tips:

- **Credit Union Membership:** In many cases, Symmetry's HELOC requires the borrower to obtain membership through one of Symmetry's partner credit unions. This membership is provided at no cost to the borrower. Please inform your clients that they may receive disclosures, membership forms, and other communications from Symmetry that involve a credit union.
- **Power of Attorney:** If your loan is closing with a Power of Attorney, please contact your Symmetry Loan Coordinator early in the process. These POA's must be pre-approved.
- **Mortgagee Clause:** Please find our Mortgagee Clause as follows:

Cenlar  
 ISAOA/ATIMA  
 PO Box 202028 Florence SC 29502

- **Servicing Statements:** Please inform your borrowers that their statements will come from Cenlar, as they are the sub-servicer for Symmetry Lending. A detailed first-payment letter is included in every closing package.
- **Loan Servicing Questions:** Should your borrowers need customer service for their Symmetry loan, they can contact Cenlar directly at: (855) 839-6470 (or [customerservice@loanadministration.com](mailto:customerservice@loanadministration.com))
- **Payment Due Dates:** Payments are due on the 5th of the month; Billing Cycle ends on the 10th of the prior month

**FAQ:** Please find answers to many Frequently Asked Questions at our website:  
<https://symmetrylending.com/mortgage-professionals#faq>

## More Information

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