

July 17, 2020

Lydia Scales, Director Child Support Enforcement Section PO Box 94065 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Director Scales:

On July 14, 2020, OCSE received your request for flexibility under the Stafford Act pursuant to DCL-20-04. As a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Louisiana requested the following flexibilities:

- 1. The two business day timeframe set forth for forwarding applicable payments in accordance with 45 CFR 302.32(b)(1), (2)(i), and (ii) be extended to five business days for fully electronic payments, and 10 business days when manual processes are required.
- 2. The 90 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.4(d) be extended to 180 calendar days.
- 3. The 30 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.6(c)(2) be extended to 60 calendar days.
- 4. The 60 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.6(c)(2) be extended to 120 calendar days.
- 5. The 20 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(c)(4)(i) and (ii) be extended to 40 calendar days.
- 6. The 75 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(2)(i), (ii), and (iii) be extended to 150 calendar days.
- 7. The 10 working day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(3) be extended to 20 working days.
- 8. The 10 working day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(4) be extended to 20 working days.
- 9. The 30 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(5)(i) be extended to 60 calendar days.

- 10. The 30 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(5)(ii) be extended to 60 calendar days.
- 11. The 10 working day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(9) be extended to 20 working days.
- 12. The 15 business day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.8(b)(7)(ii) be extended to 30 business days.
- 13. The two business day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.100(e)(2), 303.100(e)(3), 454A(g)(1)(A)(i), and 453A(g)(1) be extended to five business days for fully electronic payments, and 10 business days when manual processes are required.
- 14. The two business day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 307.11(c)(1)(i) be extended to five business days, and 10 business days when manual processes are required.
- 15. The 180 day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.8(e) and 466(a)(10)(c) be extended to 270 days.

In accordance with the Stafford Act, the requested modifications are approved beginning March 22, 2020, and expiring at the end of the major disaster declaration for your jurisdiction. Please maintain communication with your Regional Program Manager regarding the status of your state's major disaster declaration.

If you have any questions concerning the approved request or need technical assistance, please contact Dana Huckabee at Dana. Huckabee@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Lekan

Acting Commissioner

cc: Dana Huckabee, OCSE Regional Program Manager, Region 6 Melissa Johnson, Director, OCSE Division of Regional Operations Yvette Riddick, Director, OCSE Division of Policy and Training