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Dear Deputy Director Moore:

On July 21, 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, Minnesota requested the following flexibilities:

1. The 90 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.4(d) be extended to 180 calendar days.
2. The 30 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.6(c)(2) be extended to 210 calendar days.
3. The 60 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.6(c)(2) be extended to 150 calendar days.
4. The 20 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(c)(4)(i) and (ii) be extended to 40 calendar days.
5. The 75 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(2)(i), (ii), and (iii) be extended to 150 calendar days.
6. The 10 working day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(3) be extended to 20 working days.
7. The 10 working day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(4) be extended to 20 working days.
8. The 30 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(5)(i) be extended to 60 calendar days.
9. The 30 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(5)(ii) be extended to 60 calendar days.
10. The 10 working day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(9) be extended to 20 working days.
11. The 15 business day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.8(b)(7)(ii) be extended to 30 business days.

12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The 20 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.2(b) be extended to 40 calendar days.
15. The five working day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 302.33(a)(4) be extended to 10 business days.
16. The two business day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.32(c)(2) be extended to five business days.
17. The 75% in six month timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.101(b)(2)(i) be extended to 75% in 12 months.
18. The 90% in 12 month timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.101(b)(2)(i) be extended to 90% in 24 months.

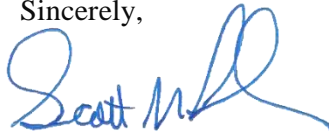
In accordance with the Stafford Act, the above requested modifications are approved beginning March 13, 2020, and expiring at the end of the major disaster declaration for your jurisdiction.

The following additional request cannot be approved at this time as it is beyond the administrative program requirements that can be waived under the Stafford Act authority.

1. The request to suspend notifications of noncooperation by IV-A recipients for 180 days.
 - States have discretion to determine what constitutes good cause to not cooperate with child support enforcement under section 454(29) of the Social Security Act.

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

Sincerely,



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Acting Commissioner

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