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July 31, 2020

Chad Dexter, Director
Child Support Services
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Dear Director Dexter:

On July 22, 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, Montana requested the following flexibilities:

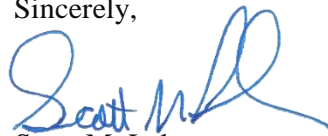
1. The two business day timeframe set forth for forwarding applicable payments in accordance with 45 CFR 302.32(b)(1), (2)(i), and (ii) be extended to five business days for fully electronic payments, and 10 business days when manual processes are required.
2. The child support guidelines review required under 45 CFR 302.56(e) be extended until December 31, 2021.
3. The 90 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.4(d) be extended to 180 calendar days.
4. The 30 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.6(c)(2) be extended to 60 calendar days.
5. The 60 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.6(c)(2) be extended to 120 calendar days.
6. The 20 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(c)(4)(i) and (ii) be extended to 40 calendar days.
7. The 75 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(2)(i), (ii), and (iii) be extended to 150 calendar days.
8. The 10 working day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(3) be extended to 20 working days.
9. The 10 working day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(4) be extended to 20 working days.
10. The 30 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(5)(i) be extended to 60 calendar days.
11. The 30 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(5)(ii) be extended to 60 calendar days.

12. The 10 working day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(d)(9) be extended to 20 working days.
13. The 15 business day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.8(b)(7)(ii) be extended to 30 business days.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. The request to waive the annual self-assessment review due for FY 2020 under 45 CFR 308.1(a) and 308.1(e)(2)(iv).

In accordance with the Stafford Act, the requested modifications are approved beginning January 20, 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 Diane Degenhart at Diane.Degenhart@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Scott M. Lekan
Acting Commissioner

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