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RE: NH 2nd Request for Requirements Flexibility during COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Mr. Ginns,

Pursuant to the Office of Child Support Enforcement's (OCSE) DCL-20-04 "Flexibilities for State and Tribal Child Support Agencies during COVID-19 Pandemic" issued May 28, 2020, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services hereby submits this second summary request for flexibility. Specifically New Hampshire requests relief from submitting the annual Self-Assessment report for FFY2020 required by 45 CFR 308.1(a), 308.1(b)(1) and 308.1(e).

JUSTIFICATION

On June 22, 2020 the State of New Hampshire submitted its first request for flexibility pursuant to DCL-20-04, which was approved in-part on July 13, 2020. These approved timeframe extensions impact New Hampshire's Self-Assessment reviews, specifically the scoring to determine accurate efficiency ratings for analysis and reporting. Any analysis of New Hampshire's ability to meet standards in FFY2020 based on approved timeframe extensions will not reflect true performance for comparison purposes or for appropriate corrective action planning. The Background Summary and justification provided for in New Hampshire's first request of June 22, 2020 applies to this second request, and is incorporated by reference.

If you should have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 603-573-6311. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to submit this subsequent request.

Michael Ginns, Regional Program Manager
NH Second Request for Flexibility During COVID-19 Pandemic
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Hebert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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