

July 17, 2020

Renee Banks, Director Oklahoma Child Support Services PO Box 248822 Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Dear Director Banks:

On June 6, 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, Oklahoma requested the following flexibility:

- 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 for one year to May 1, 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 processes, 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 for fully electronic processes, and 10 business days when manual processes are required.
- 16. The timeframe of 75% in six months set forth in 45 CFR §303.101, 303.4, 303.5, and 303.6 be extended to 75% in nine months.
- 17. The 180 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR §303.8(e) and 466(a)(10)(c) of the Social Security Act be extended to 360 calendar days.

In accordance with the Stafford Act, the above requested modifications are approved beginning January 20, 2020, and expiring at the end of the major disaster declaration for your jurisdiction.

The following additional requests cannot be approved at this time as they are beyond the administrative program requirements that can be waived or held harmless under the Stafford Act authority.

- 1. The request to waive the paternity establishment, order establishment, and current collections percentages and penalties under 409(a)(8) of the Social Security Act, 45 CFR 305.31(e), 305.40(a), and 305.61.
- 2. The request to waive loss of incentives for failing to meet performance standards or decline in the collections base under 45 CFR 305.34 for FY 2020 through FY 2022.

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.

Acting Commissioner

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