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Good evening,

Delaware is requesting waiver extension until the end of July 2020 for the following:

Extending Certification Periods and Adjusting Periodic Reports – Blanket Approval

Delaware's State of Emergency (SOE) declaration was extended on June 6, 2020. Please see the attached declaration outlining the statements from the SOE that support the extension of the current waivers. The SOE is active for another 30 days from June 6, 2020 through July 6, 2020. Please note that the State of Emergency declaration can only be extended for 30 days at a time.

Delaware has experienced operational challenges with the capacity of the workforce which is currently 37%, increased call volume especially with the P-EBT program that was implemented. In addition, Delaware is still working through issues with 30% of the staff accessing the eligibility system remotely as well as the reduction in staffing available to work due to health conditions as well as vacancies.

Reduction in Staffing

Vacancies:

31 vacancies – Full-Time Employees /349 Filled (**Vacancy Rate - .09%**)

63 vacancies – Seasonal staff/96 Filled (**Vacancy Rate – 66%**)

Staff shortages are also a result of promotional opportunities and retirements as well a number staff out on FMLA due to health-related issues.

Delaware experienced a huge spike in applications in April. Please see the numbers below:

Applications

March **2,816**

April **5,171**

May **2,503**

Delaware did experience a decrease in applications in May. Although May had more than half the number of applications as April, Operations had to process some of the applications received in April in the month of May. Delaware would appreciate the ability to focus efforts on reducing the number of unprocessed Intake applications prior to regaining the responsibility of renewals.

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Several staff left their position due to promotions and retirements as well a number staff out on FMLA due to health-related issues.

Delaware Delaware’s third extension of the declaration and all provisions will remain in place through July 6, 2020.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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THIRD EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT

WHEREAS, in connection with the serious public health threat from the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) that has impacted the State of Delaware, I issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency for the entire state at 3:00 p.m. on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, during the past eighty-six days, I have issued Twenty Modifications to the State of Emergency declaration first to protect from the spread of COVID-19 by, among others things, limit social gatherings, close places of public accommodation, restrict beach access, close childcare to all but emergency care, restrict business operations to essential businesses only with non-essential businesses either closed or remote working only, and order a shelter in place for all Delawareans, and then to begin to reopen the state by, among other things, require individuals to wear cloth face coverings both inside essential businesses and outside when social distancing is difficult, permit businesses and other places of public accommodation to reopen slowly, reopen the beaches, lifted the quarantine and restrictions on commercial lodgings, and other measures to reopen the economy while still focused on protecting the public health, safety and welfare of Delawareans during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, after eighty-six days, the State of Delaware continues to face a serious public health threat from COVID-19 and the harm to life remains; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Delaware's emergency management statutes, a State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor may not continue for more than 30 days without being renewed; and

WHEREAS, I extended the State of Emergency for an additional 30 days on April 10, 2020 and a second time for an additional 30 days on May 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, I find that the conditions necessitating a State of Emergency continue to exist and require that the State of Emergency remains in effect.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN C. CARNEY, pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the State of Delaware, do hereby declare:

1. The State of Emergency due to COVID-19, first declared March 12, 2020 and subsequently modified as set forth above is extended, effective immediately.
2. All provisions of the State of Emergency and its Twenty Modifications currently in place shall remain in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with state law.

APPROVED this 6th day of June 2020 at 12:30 p.m.


Governor