May 8, 2020

SUBJECT: Extension Approval of Disaster Household Distribution in Response to the National Emergency Declaration Due to COVID-19

TO: Cheryl Kennedy
Regional Administrator
Mountain Plains Regional Office

This memorandum is in response to the Missouri Department of Social Services’ (MO DSS) request to extend its use of U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution beyond its initial approved end date of May 7, 2020. This request is in response to food assistance needs resulting from the COVID-19 National Emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020.

MO DSS requested that USDA extend its initial approval to use USDA Foods from The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) for disaster household distribution. MO DSS is approved to continue to use the same distribution methods to provide food assistance for a cumulative total of 47,600 individuals over the course of the 30-day approval period.

An extension is granted for disaster household distribution beginning May 8, 2020 through June 6, 2020. MO DSS is authorized to use the previously approved disaster household distribution food package to continue providing food assistance to impacted households. MO DSS must also follow the same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated April 8, 2020.


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