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Deputy Commissioner Anne Bink
Alternate Governor's Authorized Representative
New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
1220 Washington Avenue
Building 7A, Floor 4
Albany, New York 12242

RE: FEMA-4480-DR-NY
New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
Non-Congregate Sheltering Time Extension Request
Log ID 15773

Dear Commissioner Bink:

This letter is in response to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' (DHSES) June 10, 2020 time extension request for the use of non-congregate sheltering in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic under major disaster declaration FEMA-4480-DR-NY. FEMA has reviewed DHSES's request and is conditionally approving a time extension for the use of non-congregate sheltering through July 25, 2020.

On May 12, 2020, FEMA approved DHSES' time extension request for the use of non-congregate sheltering from May 10, 2020, through June 10, 2020. In its current request, DHSES states that a further time extension is necessary "to address the continued need to reduce the spread of the disease." DHSES also states that as individuals are identified through its large-scale contact tracing program "the ability to use non-congregate sheltering for individuals unable to shelter at home will remove a significant impediment to the success of the program and sustained efforts to mitigate spread." DHSES also provided a summary of the State's non-congregate sheltering operations, by county, including the number of individuals being sheltered in each county, average length of stay, the populations served in each program, types of wrap-around services being provided at each location, and average cost per individual.

Based on a review of DHSES' request and the information provided, FEMA approves the request for a time extension. DHSES must obtain FEMA approval for any additional time extensions, which should include a detailed justification for the continuing need for emergency non-congregate sheltering and updated summary information.

The information provided in the summary allows FEMA limited visibility on the populations served and services provided. Please note, FEMA's approval of non-congregate sheltering is

conditional, because without a full description of the programs and detailed information from each county's tracking system, FEMA cannot commit to fully funding each program. DHSES should keep in mind that some of the wrap-around services included in the summary provided may not be eligible for funding under the Public Assistance program, such as medications, mental health services, bus tokens, wi-fi, cell phone chargers, and medical reviews.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Ms. Claude Hyacinthe, Recovery Division Director at claude.hyacinthe@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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