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May 12, 2020

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 Request – Amended Approval and Time Extension
Log ID 15592

Dear Commissioner Bink:

This letter is in response to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' (DHSES) May 7, 2020 request related to its use of non-congregate sheltering in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic under major disaster declaration FEMA-4480-DR-NY. DHSES requests a time extension through July 25, 2020 and requests the addition of a specific population to the approval. After a review of DHSES's request and information provided, FEMA approves both requests, but limits the time extension to June 10, 2020. FEMA requests additional information, as discussed below, to consider a time extension through July 25, 2020.

On April 13, 2020, FEMA conditionally approved the request for the use of emergency, non-congregate sheltering State-wide through May 10, 2020 for specific groups of individuals consistent with the April 5, 2020 State of New York Department of Health Non-Congregate Shelter (Order). With its current request, DHSES submitted an updated Order, dated May 6, 2020, that includes the following population:

- Individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19, including those individuals identified as part of contact tracing efforts within New York State, who do not have an appropriate home setting for isolation.

Consistent with the updated Order, DHSES requests approval to implement non-congregate sheltering State-wide for the additional population listed above. Further, DHSES states that a time extension coinciding with the statutorily recognized expiration date of the current federal public health emergency for COVID-19, July 25, 2020, is necessary to address the continued need to reduce the spread of the disease.

FEMA approves the request to include the above listed population in the State-wide non-congregate sheltering program as of the date of this letter. FEMA also approves a time extension for the use of State-wide non-congregate sheltering through June 10, 2020. This approval is subject to the conditions included in FEMA's original April 13, 2020 approval.

FEMA will consider DHSES' request for an extension through July 25, 2020, after DHSES, at a minimum, provides a summary of the number of individuals being sheltered by each applicant, including the average length of stay, underlying need/condition requiring non-congregate sheltering, types of wrap-around services being provided at each location, and average cost per individual. All future time extension requests must also include that information. In addition, in preparation for a potential transition of non-congregate sheltering of homeless individuals to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, please provide the information separately for that population.

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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