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

TO: Pat Dombroski
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This memorandum is in response to the Maryland Department of Human Services' (DHS) 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 12, 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.

Maryland DHS requested that USDA extend its initial approval to use USDA Foods from The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) for disaster household distribution. Maryland DHS is approved to continue to use the same distribution methods to provide food assistance for a cumulative total of 60,000 individuals over the course of the 30-day approval period.

An extension is granted for disaster household distribution beginning May 13, 2020 through June 11, 2020. Maryland DHS is authorized to use the previously approved disaster household distribution food package to continue providing food assistance to impacted households. Maryland DHS must also follow the same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated April 11, 2020.

Should Maryland DHS need additional assistance, other resources may be available through FEMA, <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/04/12/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-purchase-and-distribution-food-eligible-public>, and through other USDA programs such as Farmer's Feed Families, <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food-to-usda/farmers-to-families-food-box>.



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