

RESOLUTION #2020-06-17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICABLE WAIVERS PURSUANT PIH NOTICE 2020-05

WHEREAS, an outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus has as of this date been detected in over 200 countries world-wide, including in the United States. The virus has been named "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2" (SARS-CoV-2) and the disease it causes has been named "Coronavirus Disease 2019" ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2020, Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19. On March 9, under Executive Order 103, Governor Murphy declared a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency, further extended by Executive Order 119. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the COVID-19 pandemic a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic presents significant challenges for HUD and the Housing Authority Town of Dover to continue to carry out our fundamental mission to provide decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing for low-income families.

WHEREAS, Program operations have been severely impacted as we comply with critically important advisories and directives from public health professionals, including social distancing and other preventive practices that will slow the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of exposure; and

WHEREAS, On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the CARES Act into law, further providing HUD with broad authority, in the context of the current public health emergency, to waive statutes and regulations (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment) for the Public Housing and HCV programs, as outlined on HUD PIH Notice 2020-05, published on April 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, HUD is exercising this authority to provide PHAs with flexibility to adjust program practices where necessary to prioritize mission critical functions when normal operations are restricted and severely constrained, further prevent the spread of COVID-19, and mitigate the health risks posed by COVID-19 to PHA staff, families, landlords, and their communities at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to apply for and implement any or all waivers and or alternative requirements deemed appropriate and necessary to carry on with critical functions of the authority, as outlined on the attached summary of Public Housing and HCV Waivers and Alternative Requirements issued by HUD.

Original Signed By:

Maria Tchinchian, Secretary

6/1/2020

Date Adopted