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Update For: Additional Waiver to HSP Requirements due to COVID-19

Message:

OHCS and DHS have further simplified the HSP process for services in response to COVID-19. Due to an unexpected job loss and other factors, a large number of TANF and TANF-eligible clients are beginning to reach out for services and may only need one-time assistance. Current guidelines state that development of a housing stability plan is required for all HSP clients, identifying how HSP funds/services provided will address barriers to housing stability. OHCS and DHS are waiving the requirement for a housing stability plan until August 30, 2020. This will ease the burden of case managing clients that may only need prevention assistance during this COVID-19 crisis.

In addition, OHCS is working with DHS to clarify Release of Information requirements. Stay tuned for additional guidance on verbal options for ROIs.

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