

March 24, 2020

Mr. Eric Bickley, Director
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RE: Waiver Request for Columbia Housing (SC002) and Cayce Housing (SC061)

Dear Mr. Bickley:

As the President and Governor continue to implore citizens to stay at home, Columbia Housing is finding it difficult to continue to serve our residents under current federal regulatory constraints.

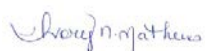
Our business is open and serving our clients, but under significantly reduced capacity. Therefore, we cannot perform business as usual and request waivers of specific requirements that we feel we will not be able to comply, unless we violate the guidelines set forth to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

1. Waiver of biennial inspections that are required to be completed between March 25 and June 30, 2020. We will continue to complete move-in inspections (if the unit is vacant) and complaint inspections that involve an emergency situation.
2. Waiver of annual recertification requirements for HCV and PH clients with due dates of April, May and June 2020. We are currently receiving an extraordinary number of requests for interim recertifications for families that have lost their jobs due to the impact of the Corona Virus and we feel these must take priority.
3. Waiver of SEMAP indicators 9, Timely Annual Recertifications and 12, HQS Inspections that will certainly be negatively impacted by these governmental measures.
4. Waiver to delay submission of the Agency Plan due April 17, 2020 until May 30, 2020.

We will continue to work pursuant to program requirements but given the significantly reduced workforce we simply will not be able to meet all deadlines. Therefore, we will need waivers until such time as restrictions are lifted and our full workforce can return. Should we believe that we can get back to normal conditions prior to the end of the waiver request dates, we will update you accordingly.

Thank you so much for your consideration of our requests, and we look forward to an expedient reply. We wish you all well and hope that you stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Ivory N. Mathews
Interim Executive Director