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MEMORANDUM FOR: John Long
Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-DR-4611-LA

FROM: Christopher B. Smith 
Director
Individual Assistance Division

SUBJECT: Critical Needs Assistance Amendment #2 for FEMA-DR-4611-LA

This memorandum is an amendment to the August 30, 2021, *Critical Needs Assistance Authorization for FEMA-DR-4611-LA* memorandum, which approved Critical Needs Assistance (CNA) under the Individuals and Households Program for FEMA-DR-4611-LA. Section 408(e)(2) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and 44 C.F.R. 206.119(c)(6)(ii) authorize FEMA to provide assistance for necessary expenses or serious needs resulting from a major disaster.

Pursuant to FP 104-009-03, *Individual Assistance Program and Policy Guide, Version 1.1*, Chapter 3, Section VI.B.6, the Individual Assistance Division Director may authorize a CNA eligibility period of up to 30 days from the Presidential disaster declaration. Due to the ongoing inaccessibility issues and road closures faced by applicants in the disaster area, FEMA is extending the initial 14-day eligibility period an additional 10 days. Applicants in FEMA-DR-4611-LA who register for assistance by September 22, 2021, and meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the August 30, 2021, *Critical Needs Assistance Authorization for FEMA-DR-4611-LA* memorandum and the September 2, 2021, *Critical Needs Assistance Amendment for FEMA-DR-4611-LA* memorandum may be considered for CNA.

Additionally, FEMA is amending its previous memorandum so that CNA will be provided post-registration to eligible applicants in all currently declared parishes. Due to the existing processes to identify and resolve fraud indicators, FEMA will provide CNA funds to applicants without unresolved fraud indicators prior to an inspection. Any applicant with unresolved fraud indicators may receive CNA following a completed inspection.

All other eligibility criteria outlined in the August 30, 2021, *Critical Needs Assistance*

Authorization for FEMA-DR-4611-LA memorandum, the September 2, 2021, Critical Needs Assistance Amendment for FEMA-DR-4611-LA memorandum, and FP 104-009-03, Individual Assistance Program and Policy Guide, Version 1.1 (IAPPG), Chapter 3, Section VI.B.6 remain in effect.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Monty LeMaire, Individuals and Households Program Service Delivery Branch Chief.

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