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State Unit on Aging Directors Letter #01-2020

Re: COVID-19 -- Presumptive Waiver Approval

In response to the public health emergency presented by COVID-19, this letter provides to all State Units on Aging (SUAs) presumptive approval of a waiver for an additional 10% transfer above the permitted 40% between the FFY2020 Title III C-1 Congregate Meal program and Title III C-2 Home-Delivered Meal program under Section 308(b)(4)(B).

This SUA Directors Letter provides the Assistant Secretary for Aging's approval of a maximum transfer of 50% between C-1 and C-2. ACL is providing this waiver approval in response to the immediate needs of SUAs and their networks in providing maximum flexibility needed to provide meals to seniors. The duration of the waiver approval is for the FFY2020 Title III grant.

While this waiver is approved, administratively, SUAs will need to submit their specific requests to ACL once known. ACL will issue a new NOA reflecting the transfer amounts (see attached *Transfers FAQs* for more information). Also, please see the *Older Americans Act Disaster Relief FAQ* posted at <https://acl.gov/COVID-19> for information if a State submits and receives a Major Disaster declaration.

As always, we encourage States to work through their Regional Administrators to request any additional clarification or additional FAQ items. From an emergency perspective, we also encourage States to share emergency information with their Regional Administrators on an ongoing basis so that ACL may be as responsive as possible.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Transfers FAQs