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## General Information System (GIS) Message

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### Section 1

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### Section 2

The purpose of this GIS message is to inform social services districts (districts) and domestic violence liaisons (DVLs) of temporary changes to the length of domestic violence (DV) waivers.

Effective immediately, all DV waivers due to expire between the start of the State disaster emergency (Executive Order 202, March 7, 2020) declared due to the COVID-19 pandemic and June 6, 2020 must be extended until June 6, 2020. Individuals who have been granted a DV waiver must not be required to complete a reassessment to extend their waiver and must not be required to comply with the eligibility requirement for which they have been granted a waiver during this period. Districts must make the appropriate changes in their DV subsystem to document each extension and must also notify the corresponding caseworker of the extension. DVLs must continue to notify TA workers of extensions or expirations of DV waivers.

If a district conducts the eligibility or recertification interview by telephone, the district must conduct DV screenings where such screenings are required. The district worker conducting the phone interview should follow the same procedures for completing the [LDSS-4583](#): “Domestic Violence Screening Form” as they would if conducting in-person interviews. Application packets mailed to applicants must include the [LDSS-4905](#): “Domestic Violence Information for all Temporary Assistance Applicants.” If the applicant prints out the application from the OTDA website, the district must provide the [LDSS-4905](#) to the applicant at the next point of contact.

The expiration of provisions contained in this message may be extended by further guidance.