

# DIVISION OF RESPONSE AND RECOVERY



## Indiana's emergency declaration is now disaster declaration DR-4515

### What does this mean for the Public Assistance program?

- Nothing has changed for PA except the declaration type and number
  - EM-3456 to DR-4515.
- All RPAs already filed under the EM-3456 will automatically be transferred over to DR-4515.
- Category B is still the **only** category available.
  - The same documentation you have been gathering still needs to be tracked.
- **Indiana's RPA deadline has been extended out to May 30, 2020.**

**On submissions of RPAs please, continue following the below posting.**

---

**This announcement is for Applicants who have *NOT* submitted their request for Public Assistance (RPA) form to the State.**

If you have submitted your RPA to the [pa@dhs.in.gov](mailto:pa@dhs.in.gov), you do not need to read further or take any actions. IDHS is entering the RPA and creating your account for you. Duplicating our process will cause problems generating your account.

Due to the extremely high volume of request for Public Assistance forms being submitted to the States, FEMA has streamlined the process on submitting the RPA form for this event.

FEMA has just created the ability for an applicant to submit their own Request for Public Assistance (RPA) form directly into the Grants Portal and to create their own account with FEMA for this declaration, EM3456.

Attached is the five pages guide from FEMA to walk an applicant through the submission of the RPA and creating their own account in the Grants Portal.

Potential applicants who have NOT submitted their RPA to the state public assistance email, [pa@dhs.in.gov](mailto:pa@dhs.in.gov), please go in to the link provided in the guide book and submit now. **Deadline for submitting your RPA is May 30, 2020.**

Indiana's Public Assistance Program staff will still be available for any questions or concerns you may have at [pa@dhs.in.gov](mailto:pa@dhs.in.gov).

**[How to Submit a Request for Public Assistance](#)**