TO: MSCHE Institutions Needing Distance Education Approval
State and System Colleagues

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RE: United States Department of Education Extension of Distance Education
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On May 15, 2020, the United States Department of Education (USDE), Office of Postsecondary Education, extended the temporary waiver for the use of distance education as an alternate delivery method through December 31, 2020. MSCHE institutions not approved to offer distance education may continue to offer programs using this delivery method for the duration of the USDE extension without further approval from the Commission. The expedited distance education review process, discussed in the MSCHE memo of May 4, 2020, will not be used at this time. Institutions wishing to use distance education as an alternate delivery method beyond the USDE extension must seek approval through the substantive change process outlined in the Commission’s Substantive Change Policy and Procedures and Substantive Change Guidelines. For more information, please contact your institution’s MSCHE Vice President liaison.

May 15, 2020 Updated USDE Guidance

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