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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dawn Stehle
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Dear Ms. Stehle:

I am writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed your state's Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Compliance Survey submission from March 29, 2021, and determined, based on the information you provided, that Arkansas meets the requirements specified in section 1903(l) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 12006(a) of the 21st Century Cures Act (the Cures Act), for personal care services rendered for section 1915(j) self-directed personal attendant care services as of April 1, 2021. This determination supplements the prior determination set forth in the letter issued by CMS to the state on January 13, 2021. The state is now fully compliant with EVV requirements for applicable authorities within your state.

Because your state has attested to compliance with EVV requirements, CMS will not apply federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) reductions to personal care service expenditures for services rendered as of April 1, 2021, for the authority listed above. Please be advised, however, that CMS reserves the right to apply FMAP reductions as required by the Cures Act should evidence indicate the state has not implemented its EVV system in accordance with the state's attestation in the EVV Compliance Survey. In addition, if the state adds any personal care authorities to its service system that are not listed above, it must update its EVV Compliance Survey submission.

I have included the state's approved EVV Compliance Survey submission with this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact the CMS EVV mailbox at evv@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy
Director, DEHPG