

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

May 13, 2026

Meredith Nichols
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State of Hawaii, Department of Human Services
601 Kamokila Blvd, Suite 518
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

Dear Director Nichols:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Hawaii's request to amend the following 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in response to the Kona Lows storms:

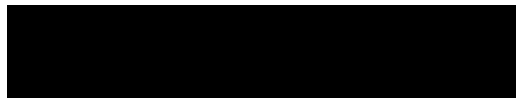
WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
HCBS for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	HI 0013.R08.13

The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is effective from March 10, 2026, through March 24, 2026; it applies in all locations served by the individual waiver for anyone impacted by the Kona Lows storms.

We have included the approved Appendix K pages with this correspondence. Please utilize the waiver management system for HCBS waivers for any further amendments to these waiver programs other than Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Lisa Amaro-Rife of my staff at (214) 767-2506 or by e-mail at Lisa.Amaro-Rife@cms.hhs.gov or Susie Cummins at (206) 615-2078 or by email at Susan.Cummins@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



George P. Failla, Jr., Director
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Enclosure