



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

March 23, 2026

Seth Gold, Medicaid Director
Bureau of Health Services Financing
628 N. 4th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

RE: LA 0889.R02.02 Appendix K Amendment

Dear Director Gold:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approves Louisiana's request to amend the following 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K to respond to Winter Storm Fern. The CMS Control Number for the amendment is LA 0889.R02.02 and is effective January 22, 2026 through February 14, 2026. Please use this number in future correspondence relevant to this waiver action.

This amendment adds an Appendix K to the waiver to allow temporary exceptions to the level of care and plan of care timelines for three regions of the state that experienced the most disruptions to essential care. The regions are Region 7 (Shreveport area), Region 8 (Monroe area) and Region 9 (Mandeville area).

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

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me at (410) 786-7561. You may also contact Janice Arceneaux at Janice.Arceneaux@cms.hhs.gov or (214) 767-2142.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of George P. Failla, Jr.

George P. Failla, Jr., Director
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Enclosure

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