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Medicaid Benefits and Health Programs Group

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Emily Ricci, Deputy Commissioner
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Dear Deputy Commissioner Ricci:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Alaska's request to amend the following 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities waiver (IDD)	AK.0260.R06.06
Adults with Physical and Developmental Disabilities waiver (APDD)	AK.0262.R06.06
Children with Complex Medical Conditions waiver (CCMC)	AK.0263.R06.06

The state's approved Appendix K is effective March 11, 2020, through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. The purpose of these amendments is to revise the hourly unit for acuity rates from 12-hour blocks to 8-hour blocks for the identified residential habilitation services as specified within the Appendix K amendment.

CMS reminds the state that the state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Approval of this action does not constitute approval of the state's spending plan.

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

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If you need assistance, feel free to contact Daphne Hicks of my staff at 214-767-6471 or by e-mail at Daphne.Hicks@cms.hhs.gov or Marge Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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