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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

August 24, 2022

Albert Wall, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Health and Social Services
3601 C Street, Suite 902
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Dear Deputy Commissioner Wall:

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:

<u>WAIVER TITLE</u>	<u>CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER</u>
People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities waiver (IDD)	AK.0260.R06.03
Alaskans Living Independently (ALI)	AK.0261.R06.02
Adults with Physical and Developmental Disabilities waiver (APDD)	AK.0262.R06.03
Children with Complex Medical Conditions waiver (CCMC)	AK.0263.R06.03
Individualized Supports waiver (ISW)	AK.1566.R00.16

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. CMS acknowledges the purpose of this amendment is to increase the identified waiver service reimbursement rates by ten percent effective July 1, 2022.

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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Enclosure