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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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September 30, 2020

Stephanie Azar  
Commissioner  
Alabama Medicaid Agency  
508 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104-5624

Dear Ms. Azar:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Alabama's second 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
Home and Community-Based Waiver for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ID Waiver)	AL.0001.R08.04
HCBS Living at Home Waiver for Persons with ID (LAH Waiver)	AL.0391.R03.04
Home and Community-Based Waiver for the Elderly and Disabled	AL.0068.R07.04
Community Transition	AL.0878.R01.03
State of Alabama Independent Living (SAIL Waiver)	AL.0241.R05.02
Technology Assisted Waiver	AL.0407.R03.02

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix Ks are additive to those previously approved and are effective from January 27, 2020 through January 26, 2021; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

We note that for the ID and LAH waivers, the state is removing unutilized flexibilities related to the number of participants served with Residential Habilitation in each certified home effective June 3, 2020. We further note that for the ID and LAH waivers, the state is removing Supported Employment Small Group from the list of permitted self-directed provider types that may work overtime due to the pandemic effective July 31, 2020.

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 waivers program other than Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Bernice Denbow of my staff at 410-786-6777 or by e-mail at [Bernice.Denbow@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Bernice.Denbow@cms.hhs.gov), or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at [Mary.Marchioni@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Mary.Marchioni@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure