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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Stephanie Azar
Commissioner
Alabama Medicaid Agency
508 Dexter Avenue
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Dear Ms. Azar:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Alabama'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
Home and Community-Based Waiver for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities	AL.0001.R09.03
HCBS Living at Home Waiver for Persons with ID	AL.0391.R04.03

The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved and is effective from January 27, 2020 to six months after the expiration of the Public Health Emergency; it applies in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. We note the state is increasing the rate for Residential Habilitation service rates effective May 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021.

Please note the guidance issued in the December 22, 2020 State Health Official Letter ([SHO](#)); specifically, the requirement for advance notice of beneficiaries. When closing an Appendix K or ending an Appendix K flexibility prior to the end date of the Appendix K, the requirement for advance notice of beneficiaries applies. More details can be found on pages 11-12 of the SHO.

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 the Appendix K.

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If you need assistance, feel free to contact Bernice Denbow of my staff at 410-767-6777 or by e-mail at bernice.denbow@cms.hhs.gov or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure