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

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March 22, 2023

Janet Mann, State Medicaid Director  
Arkansas Department of Human Services  
P.O. Box 1437, Slot S-401  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Director Mann:

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

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Community and Employment Supports Waiver	AR.0188.R06.03

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from March 12, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved. CMS notes effective March 12, 2020 through March 15, 2023, the state is adding Qualified Behavioral Health Paraprofessionals employed by Outpatient Behavioral Health Service Agencies as providers for Supportive Living services.

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. 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 HCBS waivers for any further amendments to these waiver programs other than the 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 Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at [Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy, Director  
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Enclosure