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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dawn Stehle
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Dear Ms. Stehle:

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) waivers with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
ARChoices in Home Care	AR.0195.R05.08
Living Choices	AR.0400.R03.09

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved and are effective from March 12, 2020 to July 16, 2022. CMS notes the state is implementing a rate increase for Attendant Care providers in the ARChoices in Home Care waiver which will be effective from January 1, 2021 through the end of approved Appendix K amendment. They apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

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 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 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 410-767-6777 or by e-mail at Bernice.Denbow@cms.hhs.gov or Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure