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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Tracy Johnson, Medicaid Director
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Colorado'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
Persons with Brain Injury (HCBS-BI) waiver	CO.0288.R06.01
Complementary and Integrative Health (HCBS-CIH) waiver	CO.0961.R02.14
Supported Living Services waiver	CO.0293.R05.20
HCBS waiver for Children with Life-Limiting Illness	CO.0450.R03.12
HCBS-Children's Habilitation Residential Program waiver	CO.0305.R05.19
Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) waiver	CO.0007.R08.19
Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD) waiver	CO.0006.R09.01
Children's Extensive Supports (CES) waiver	CO.4180.R05.19
Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS) waiver	CO.0268.R06.01

The state's approved Appendix K is effective March 10, 2020 through six months after the end of the federal 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 the amendments is to extend the end date for the 2.11 percent rate increase from July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022. Also, the state will implement new rate increases for the specified waivers and services within the Appendix K as well as create a new tier for the Supported Living service under the Brain Injury waiver beginning July 1, 2022 through the end of the Appendix K.

The state has identified its intent to use money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for actions within the Appendix K. Approval of this action does not constitute approval of the state's spending plan. The state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the ARP.

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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 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