

APPENDIX K: Emergency Preparedness and Response

Background:

This standalone appendix may be utilized by the state during emergency situations to request amendment to its approved waiver. It includes actions that states can take under the existing Section 1915(c) home and community-based waiver authority in order to respond to an emergency. Other activities may require the use of various other authorities such as the Section 1115 demonstrations or the Section 1135 authorities. This appendix may be completed retroactively as needed by the state.

Appendix K-1: General Information

General Information:

A. State: Connecticut

B. Waiver Title:

Home Care Program for Elders waiver; Personal Care Assistance waiver; Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) waiver; Individual and Family Supports waiver; Comprehensive Supports waiver; Mental Health waiver; Employer and Day Supports waiver; Home and Community Support Waiver for Persons with Autism; Acquired Brain Injury II waiver; Katie Beckett waiver

C. Control Number:

CT.0140.R07.01 CT.0301.R05.04; CT.0302.R04.04; CT.0426.R03.06; CT.0437.R03.05; CT.0653.R02.03; CT.0881.R01.06; CT.0993.R01.03; CT.1085.R01.03; CT.4110.R07.04.

D. Type of Emergency (The state may check more than one box):

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Pandemic or Epidemic
<input type="radio"/>	Natural Disaster
<input type="radio"/>	National Security Emergency
<input type="radio"/>	Environmental
<input type="radio"/>	Other (specify):

E. **Brief Description of Emergency.** *In no more than one paragraph each*, briefly describe the: 1) nature of emergency; 2) number of individuals affected and the state's mechanism to identify individuals at risk; 3) roles of state, local and other entities involved in approved waiver operations; and 4) expected changes needed to service delivery methods, if applicable. The state should provide this information for each emergency checked if those emergencies affect different geographic areas and require different changes to the waiver.

This amendment is additive to the previously approved Appendix Ks for each of the waivers referenced in Appendix K.1-B above, and extends the anticipated end date for each waiver listed in the Appendix K from March 15, 2021 to six months after the end of the public health emergency.

F. Proposed Effective Date: Start Date: March 16, 2020; Anticipated End Date: Six months after the end of the public health emergency (PHE)

G. Description of Transition Plan.

H. Geographic Areas Affected:

I. Description of State Disaster Plan (if available) *Reference to external documents is acceptable:*

Appendix K-2: Temporary or Emergency-Specific Amendment to Approved Waiver

Temporary or Emergency-Specific Amendment to Approved Waiver:

These are changes that, while directly related to the state's response to an emergency situation, require amendment to the approved waiver document. These changes are time limited and tied specifically to individuals impacted by the emergency. Permanent or long-ranging changes will need to be incorporated into the main appendices of the waiver, via an amendment request in the waiver management system (WMS) upon advice from CMS.

a. ___ Access and Eligibility:

i. ___ Temporarily increase the cost limits for entry into the waiver.

[Provide explanation of changes and specify the temporary cost limit.]

8. Authorizing Signature

Signature:

Date: 3/2/21

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