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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Thomas Wallace, Deputy Secretary of Medicaid  
Agency for Health Care Administration  
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Dear Mr. Wallace,

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Florida'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
Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver	FL.0867.R02.05
Model Waiver	FL.40166.R06.02
Familial Dysautonomia Waiver	FL.40205.R03.03

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from January 27, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved. CMS notes the state is implementing one-time supplemental and longevity payments to eligible HCBS providers to recruit and increase retention of direct support providers, effective April 1, 2021 through six months after the end of the PHE. The amendments apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

The state has identified its intent to use money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). 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.

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 Appendix K.

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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,

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Enclosure