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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dear Dr. Mohr Peterson:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Hawaii's 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 |
|---|------------------------------|
| Home and Community Based Services for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD Waiver) | HI.0013.R07.10 |

The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved and is effective from March 1, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19; it applies in all locations served by the individual waiver for anyone impacted by COVID-19. We note the state is extending the end date for increased rates for selected services through June 30, 2021.

Please note the guidance issued in the December 22, 2020 State Health Official Letter ([SHO](#)). When closing an Appendix K or ending an Appendix K flexibility prior to the end date of the Appendix K, the requirement for advance notice of beneficiaries applies. More details can be found on pages 11-12 of the SHO. 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 this waiver program other than the Appendix K.

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If you need assistance, feel free to contact Amanda Hill of my staff at 410-786-2457 or by e-mail at Amanda.Hill@cms.hhs.gov or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail Mary.Marchioni@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure