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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.R08.04

The state's approved Appendix K is effective March 1, 2020 through six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved; it applies in all locations served by the individual waiver for anyone impacted by COVID-19. This amendment will increase provider payment rates for the specified waiver services within the Appendix K for the period from October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023 or six months after the conclusion of the public health emergency, whichever occurs first. Additionally, the state is increasing individual support budgets to align with the rate increases.

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 American Rescue Plan (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 the HCBS waivers for any further amendments to these waiver programs other than the Appendix K.

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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