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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Dear Ms. Matney:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Iowa'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 |
|--|------------------------------|
| Iowa HCBS Intellectual Disabilities Waiver | IA.0242.R06.08               |

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from January 27, 2020 through six months after the end of the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The amendment the state has requested in this Appendix K increases the waiver's reserved capacity and is additive to the state's previously approved Appendix Ks. This change is effective from December 1, 2021 through six months after the end of the PHE or until the approved effective date of the regular waiver amendment that includes the change, whichever comes first. The Appendix K applies in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

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 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 HCBS waivers for any further amendments to this waiver program other than the Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Ryan Shannahan of my staff at 410-786-0295 or by e-mail at [Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ryan.Shannahan@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