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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

May 13, 2022

Elizabeth Matney
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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) waivers 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.R06.04
Brain Injury Waiver	IA.0299.R05.04

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 amendments the state has requested in this Appendix K are additive to the state's previously approved Appendix Ks and are effective from August 31, 2021 through six months after the end of the PHE. 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 American Rescue Plan. 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 these waiver programs 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 or Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy
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Enclosure