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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) waivers with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Intellectual Disabilities Waiver	IA.0242.R06.09
Brain Injury Waiver	IA.0299.R05.08
AIDS/HIV Waiver	IA.0213.R06.09
Waiver for Persons with Physical Disabilities	IA.0345.R04.07
Health and Disability Waiver	IA.4111.R07.06
Elderly Waiver	IA.4155.R06.06

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 is additive to the state's previously approved Appendix Ks and allows for the distribution of one-time recruitment and retention payments from May 26, 2022 to March 31, 2024. The Appendix K applies 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 the Appendix K.

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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,

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Enclosure