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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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February 24, 2023

Elizabeth Matney, Medicaid Director  
Iowa Medicaid Enterprise  
1305 East Walnut Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Director 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
Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Waiver	IA.0242.R06.12

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from January 27, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved. CMS notes effective July 1, 2022, the state will be effectuating its corrective action plan which utilizes Section 9817 of the ARP funds to allow waiver entry to 399 individuals currently on the ID Waiver waitlist. The amendment 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 Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Bernice Denbow of my staff at 410-786-6777 or by e-mail at [Bernice.Denbow@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Bernice.Denbow@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,

Melissa L. Harris, Deputy Director  
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Enclosure