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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Lisa Lee, Commissioner  
Department for Medicaid Services  
275 East Main Street 6W-A  
Frankfort, KY 40621

Dear Commissioner Lee:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Kentucky'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
Home and Community Based waiver	KY.0144.R07.05
Supports for Community Living waiver	KY.0314.R04.10
Acquired Brain Injury waiver	KY.0333.R04.09
Michelle P. waiver	KY.0475.R02.09
Acquired Brain Injury, Long Term Care waiver	KY.0477.R02.09

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved and are effective from March 6, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. Effective July 1, 2023, the state will implement a ten percent rate increase while utilizing funds from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Also, effective July 1, 2023, the state will modify provider qualifications to expand the types of providers who are authorized to render support services to individuals who choose to self-direct their services.

The state has identified its intent to use money realized from section 9817 of the 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 Daphne Hicks of my staff at 214-767-6471 or by e-mail at [Daphne.Hicks@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Daphne.Hicks@cms.hhs.gov) or Marge 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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