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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Tara LeBlanc
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Dear Ms. LeBlanc:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Louisiana'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 Hurricane Laura, Hurricane Delta, and Hurricane Zeta:

| WAIVER TITLE | CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| New Opportunities Waiver | LA.0401.R03.10 |
| Residential Options Waiver | LA.0472.R02.07 |
| Children's Choice Waiver | LA.0361.R04.07 |
| Supports Waiver | LA.0453.R03.06 |
| Community Choices Waiver | LA.0866.R02.05 |
| Adult Day Health Care Waiver | LA.0121.R07.05 |

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix Ks are effective from August 27, 2020 through January 26, 2021; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by Hurricane Laura, Hurricane Delta, and Hurricane Zeta.

Please note that as you are using the approved COVID-19 Appendix K flexibilities for the hurricanes, should those Appendix Ks close before you have resolved the issues for Hurricane Laura, Hurricane Delta, and Hurricane Zeta, the state is able to amend these Appendix Ks to add those flexibilities and to extend these Appendix Ks to August 26, 2021 which will allow for the full year.

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 Amanda Hill of my staff at 410-786-2457 or by e-mail at Amanda.Hill@cms.hhs.gov or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at Mary.Marchioni@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Melissa L. Harris
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Enclosure