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

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January 14, 2021

Tara LeBlanc  
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Baton Rouge, LA 70821

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 the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
New Opportunities Waiver	LA.0401.R03.11
Residential Options Waiver	LA.0472.R02.08
Supports Waiver	LA.0453.R03.07

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix Ks are additive to those previously approved and are effective from January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through January 26, 2021; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

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](mailto:Amanda.Hill@cms.hhs.gov) or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at [Mary.Marchioni@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Mary.Marchioni@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Director, DEHPG

Enclosure