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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 the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Community Choices Waiver	LA.0866.R02.09
Adult Day Health Care Waiver	LA.0121.R07.09

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved and are effective from January 27, 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.

Please note the guidance issued in the December 22, 2020 State Health Official Letter ([SHO](#)); specifically, the requirement for advance notice of beneficiaries. When closing an Appendix K or ending an Appendix K flexibility prior to the end date of the Appendix K, the requirement for advance notice of beneficiaries applies. More details can be found on pages 11-12 of the SHO.

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.

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,

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Enclosure