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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dear Ms. Cassel Kraft:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Massachusetts' 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
Frail Elder Waiver (FEW)	MA.0059.R07.07
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver	MA.0359.R04.08
MFP – Community Living (MFP-CL) Waiver	MA.1027.R01.08
MFP – Residential Supports (MFP-RS) Waiver	MA.1028.R01.07
Acquired Brain Injury with Residential Habilitation (ABI-RH) Waiver	MA.40701.R02.08
Acquired Brain Injury Non-residential Habilitation (ABI-N) Waiver	MA.40702.R02.07
Community Living Waiver (DDS-CL)	MA.0826.R02.07
Intensive Supports Waiver (DDS-IS)	MA.0827.R02.07
Adult Supports Waiver (DDS-AS)	MA.0828.R02.07

The state's approved Appendix Ks are effective from March 1, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The amendments that the state has requested in this submission are additive to those previously approved. The submission includes an additional period of temporary rate increases, which are subsequent to previously approved rate increases and are effective from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. The submission also includes a temporary change to provider qualifications, which is effective from January 1, 2022 to six months after the end of the PHE. The amendments in this submission apply 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 these actions 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.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Ryan Shannahan of my staff at 410-786-0295 or by e-mail at Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov or Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure