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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dear Mr. Schuh:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Maryland's submission to amend the following 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Medical Day Care Services Waiver	MD.0645.R02.07

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from March 1, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). CMS notes the telephonic service day rate will be reimbursed at 25 percent of the per diem rate from January 1, 2022 until March 31, 2022. Effective April 1, 2022, the telephonic service day rate will increase from 25 percent to 50 percent of the per diem rate until the end of the federal PHE or sooner if the state provides a 30-day notice to providers. The amendments that the state has requested apply in all locations served by the individual waiver 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 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 this waiver program other than Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Bernice Denbow of my staff at 410-786-6777 or by e-mail at Bernice.Denbow@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