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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Maryland Department of Health
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Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Mr. Schuh,

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Maryland's request 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
Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder	MD.0339.R04.06

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from March 1, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved. CMS notes the state will be increasing the unduplicated number of waiver participants (Factor C) effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, but not to exceed the end date of the approved Appendix K. The amendment applies in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

CMS reminds the state that the state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the ARP. Approval of this action does not constitute approval of the state's spending plan.

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 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