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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dear Director 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) waivers with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

| WAIVER TITLE | CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER |
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| Waiver for Adults with Brain Injury | MD.40198.R04.02 |
| Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder | MD.0339.R04.07 |
| Home and Community-Based Options Waiver | MD.0265.R05.06 |
| Home Care for Disabled Children Under a Model Waiver | MD.40118.R07.05 |
| Medical Day Care Services Waiver | MD.0645.R02.08 |

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 amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved. CMS notes the state will be implementing a rate increase of 4% to all identified services in the Autism Waiver, Community Options Waiver, Medical Day Care Waiver and Model Waiver effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, but not to exceed the end date of the approved Appendix K amendment. Additionally, the state is implementing a 4% rate increase to all identified services in the Brain Injury waiver effective July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022. The amendments 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).

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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 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