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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Michelle Probert, Director
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109 Capitol Street
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Dear Ms. Probert:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Maine'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
Home and Community-Based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder waiver	ME.0159.R07.10

The state's approved Appendix K is effective 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; it applies in all locations served by the individual waiver for anyone impacted by COVID-19. The amendment modifies the state's requirement to allow Agency Group Home providers overnight reimbursement for eligible staff beginning July 1, 2020.

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 American Rescue Plan (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 waiver for any further amendments to these waiver programs other than the Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Daphne Hicks of my staff at 214-767-6471 or by e-mail at Daphne.Hicks@cms.hhs.gov or Marge Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure