

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

January 10, 2023

Michelle Probert, Director
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109 Capitol Street
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Dear Director 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) waivers 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 Brain Injury waiver	ME.1082.R01.11
Elderly and for Adults with Disabilities waiver	ME.0276.R05.11
Home and Community Based Services for Adults with Other Related Conditions waiver	ME.0995.R01.13
Home and Community Based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder waiver	ME.0159.R07.11
Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder waiver	ME.0467.R03.04

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from March 1, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. CMS acknowledges effective January 1, 2023, the state will increase reimbursement rates by 8.24 percent to align with the state's minimum wage and comply with the state's legislative directive.

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.

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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 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,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy
Director

Enclosure