

**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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September 17, 2021

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

<b>WAIVER TITLE</b>	<b>CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER</b>
Home and Community-Based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder waiver	ME.0159.R07.07
Home and Community Services for Adults with Brain Injury waiver	ME.1082.R01.07
Elderly and Adults with Disabilities waiver	ME.0276.R05.07

The state's approved Appendix K is effective 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; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. The 5.84 percent increase to the reimbursement rates for the specified Family-Centered Support services is effective July 1, 2021, as noted in the amendment.

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 waivers for any further amendments to these waiver programs other than the Appendix K.

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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](mailto:daphne.hicks@cms.hhs.gov) or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at [mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure