

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

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Dear Ms. MacDonald:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Minnesota'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
Elderly Waiver	MN.0025.R08.20

The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved and is effective from March 13, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19; it applies in all locations served by the individual waiver for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

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 this waiver program other than the Appendix K.

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.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Ryan Shannahan of my staff at 410-786-0295 or by e-mail at [Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov) or Ralph Lollar at 410-786-0777 or by e-mail at [Ralph.Lollar@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ralph.Lollar@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure