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

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Brain Injury Waiver	MN.4169.R06.06
Community Access for Disability Inclusion	MN.0166.R07.11
Community Alternative Care	MN.4128.R07.20
Developmental Disabilities Waiver	MN.0061.R07.24

The state's approved Appendix Ks are effective from March 13, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The amendment that the state has requested in this Appendix K is additive to those previously approved. CMS notes that the state is increasing rates for several services which will be effective from April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. The amendment applies in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

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 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.

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 Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at [Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure