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Medicaid Benefits and Health Programs Group

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Todd Richardson, Director
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Dear Director Richardson:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Missouri'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
Comprehensive Waiver	MO.0178.R07.07
Community Support Waiver	MO.0404.R04.07
Partnership for Hope Waiver	MO.0841.R03.01

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from January 27, 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. CMS notes effective July 1, 2023, the state is increasing the maximum lifetime limitation for the Community Transition service. Additionally, effective July 1, 2023, the state is updating the Group Home and Individual Supported Living rate methodologies for the service subcomponents identified in the Appendix K document. 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 American Rescue Plan. 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 Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Bernice Denbow of my staff at 410-786-6777 or by e-mail at Bernice.Denbow@cms.hhs.gov or Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Melissa Harris, Deputy Director
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Enclosure