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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Drew Snyder, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snyder:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Mississippi'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
Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury Waiver	MS.0366.R04.03
Independent Living Waiver	MS.0255.R06.01
Elderly & Disabled Waiver	MS.0272.R06.01
Assisted Living Waiver	MS.0355.R04.06
Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities Waiver (ID/DD)	MS.0282.R05.06

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from 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. CMS notes the state will begin implementing rate increases for identified waiver services effective on the dates specified in the Appendix K amendment through the six months after the end of the PHE. Further, the state is temporarily allowing non-legally responsible family members to render Home and Community Support services in the ID/DD waiver effective October 1, 2022. Lastly, the state is allowing flexibility in the composition of case management teams for the Elderly and Disabled Waiver effective September 1, 2022. The amendments apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

The state has identified its intent to use 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. The state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the ARP.

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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 the 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,

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Enclosure