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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Dear Director Randol:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Montana'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>
Montana Big Sky Home and Community Based Waiver	MT.0148.R06.13
Montana Home and Community Based Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities	MT.0208.R06.11
Montana Behavioral Health Severe and Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) Waiver	MT.0455.R03.10

The state's approved Appendix K is effective January 27, 2020 until the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. 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. With this amendment, the state is extending the end date of the Appendix K from May 11, 2023 to six months after the end of the PHE while allowing the flexibilities scheduled to end May 11, 2023 to expire effective on that date. Only the flexibilities included under this amendment will be extended through six months after the end of the PHE. Additionally, this amendment includes rate increases for the identified services beginning July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022 while utilizing funds from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

The state has identified its intent to use money realized from section 9817 of the 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. 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 Marge 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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