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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

October 27, 2021

Marie Matthews, State Medicaid Director
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Dear Ms. Matthews:

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:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Montana Big Sky waiver	MT.0148.R06.12
Home and Community-Based Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities	MT.0208.R06.10
Behavioral Health Severe and Disabling Mental Illness Home and Community-Based Services waiver	MT.0455.R03.07

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. CMS acknowledges, effective April 1, 2021, the state will make time-limited supplemental payments to providers as specified in the amendment.

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. In addition, CMS clarifies that the state included additional information in the application that will likely exceed the timeframe for this Appendix K. The state acknowledges this in the application and agrees to take action in the underlying waiver authority to continue the activity if the Appendix K expires first.

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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 Daphne Hicks of my staff at 214-767-6471 or by e-mail at daphne.hicks@cms.hhs.gov or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure