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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Montana Behavioral Health Severe and Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) Waiver	MT.0455.R03.08

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 amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved; it applies in the two regions specified in the Appendix K for anyone impacted by COVID-19. CMS acknowledges, effective July 1, 2021, that the state will allow a single entity to provide residential direct services in addition to case management and/or development of person-centered service plans in two regions of the state since the case management entity qualifies under 42 CFR 441.301(c)(1)(vi) as the only willing and qualified entity as specified in the Appendix K.

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 (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.

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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 or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure