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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Amir Bassiri  
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Dear Director Bassiri:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving New York'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
Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) waiver	NY.0444.R02.12
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) waiver	NY.0269.R05.01

The state's approved Appendix K is effective March 1, 2020 through six months after 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 as identified within the Appendix K for anyone impacted by COVID-19. CMS acknowledges the purpose of these amendments is to implement rate increases to the identified support services in order to adjust to the state's minimum wage increase effective December 31, 2022.

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 the 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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Enclosure