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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Maureen Corcoran  
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Dear Ms. Corcoran:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Ohio'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
Individual Options Waiver	OH.0231.R05.06
Level One Waiver	OH.0380.R03.12
Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver (SELF)	OH.0877.R02.04

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved and are effective from January 27, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. We note the one time rate increase payment is effective January 27, 2021.

Please note the guidance issued in the December 22, 2020 State Health Official Letter ([SHO](#)). When closing an Appendix K or ending an Appendix K flexibility prior to the end date of the Appendix K, the requirement for advance notice of beneficiaries applies. More details can be found on pages 11-12 of the SHO.

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 Amanda Hill of my staff at 410-786-2457 or by e-mail at [Amanda.Hill@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Amanda.Hill@cms.hhs.gov) or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail [Mary.Marchioni@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Mary.Marchioni@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure