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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 Ks in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Ohio Home Care Waiver	OH.0337.R05.02
PASSPORT Waiver	OH.0198.R06.08
Individual Options Waiver	OH.0231.R05.09
Level One Waiver	OH.0380.R04.02
Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver	OH.0877.R02.07

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix Ks are additive to those previously approved and apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. The state's approved Appendix K is effective from January 27, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. We note the one-time payment is effective upon receipt of CMS approval but no earlier than February 7, 2022.

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.

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 Amanda Hill of my staff at 410-786-2457 or by e-mail at Amanda.Hill@cms.hhs.gov or Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure