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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Melody Anthony
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4345 N. Lincoln Blvd.
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Dear Ms. Anthony:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Oklahoma'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
ADvantage Waiver	OK.0256.R06.02
Community Waiver	OK.0179.R07.02
Homeward Bound Waiver	OK.0399.R04.02
In Home Supports Waiver for Adults	OK.0343.R04.13

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 for COVID-19. CMS notes the addition of services in OK.0256 begins November 15, 2021 and ends March 21, 2022. The addition of services and other flexibilities in OK.0179, OK.0399, OK. 0399, and OK.0343 begins October 1, 2021.

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.

Please note the guidance issued in the December 22, 2020 State Health Official Letter ([SHO](#)); specifically, the requirement for advance notice of beneficiaries. 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.

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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 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