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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Traylor Rains, State Medicaid Director
Oklahoma Health Care Authority
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Mr. Rains:

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 K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Community Waiver	OK. 0179.R07.06
In Home Supports Waiver for Adults	OK. 0343.R05.02
In Home Supports Waiver for Children	OK. 0351.R05.02
Homeward Bound Waiver	OK. 0399.R04.06

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from January 27, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved. CMS notes the state is increasing the service limit for Family Training Service effective January 27, 2020 through six months after the end of the PHE. Additionally, the state is extending the medical evaluation completion time frame from two years to three years effective January 27, 2020 through the six months after the end of the PHE. The amendments apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

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. 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.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Bernice Denbow of my staff at 410-767-6777 or by e-mail at Bernice.Denbow@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