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Medicaid Benefits and Health Programs Group

September 12, 2023

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

Dear Director 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) waiver 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.R07.09

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from January 27, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). CMS notes the state is increasing its Unduplicated Number of Participants (Factor C) for waiver years three through five.

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 Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Bernice Denbow of my staff at 410-786-6777 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,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy, Director
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Enclosure