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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Dear Ms. Hittle:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Oregon'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
Children's HCBS Waiver	OR.0565.R03.03
Adults' HCBS Waiver	OR.0117.R06.10
Medically Involved Children's Waiver	OR.0375.R04.09
Medically Fragile (Hospital) Model Waiver	OR.40193.R04.09
Behavioral (ICF/IDD) Model Waiver	OR.40194.R04.09

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from March 11, 2020 through six months after the end of the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The amendments that the state has requested in this Appendix K are additive to those previously approved. This submission includes a time-limited rate increase effective from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. It also includes a subsequent rate increase effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, which will be funded using money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The Appendix K applies in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

The state has identified its intent to use money realized from section 9817 of the 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.

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If you need assistance, feel free to contact Ryan Shannahan of my staff at 410-786-0295 or by e-mail at [Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov) or Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at [Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure