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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Dana Hittle, State Medicaid Director  
Oregon Health Authority  
500 Summer St NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Director 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.R03.05
Adults' HCBS Waiver	OR.0117.R06.13
Medically Involved Children's Waiver	OR.0375.R04.11
Medically Fragile (Hospital) Model	OR.40193.R04.11
Behavioral (ICF/IDD) Model Waiver	OR.40194.R04.11

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from March 11, 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 extending the temporary rate increase to identified direct support providers effective October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The amendment applies 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 ARP. 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](mailto:Bernice.Denbow@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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