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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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March 29, 2021

Sally Kozak, Deputy Secretary  
Office of Medical Assistance Programs  
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Kozak:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Pennsylvania'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
Adult Autism Waiver	PA.0593.R02.09
Consolidated Waiver	PA.0147.R06.08
Person/Family Directed Support Waiver	PA.0354.R04.08
Community Living Waiver	PA.1486.R00.08

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved and are effective from March 11, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. We note the rate increases will be effective from the dates identified in the Appendix K.

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.

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 Daphne Hicks of my staff at 214-767-6471 or by e-mail at [daphne.hicks@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:daphne.hicks@cms.hhs.gov) or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at [mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure