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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

October 22, 2021

Sally Kozak, Deputy Secretary
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
625 Forester Street, Health and Welfare Building
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
Consolidated Waiver	PA.0147.R06.12
Person/Family Directed Support Waiver	PA.0354.R04.11
Adult Autism Waiver	PA.0593.R02.11
Community Living Waiver	PA.1486.R00.12

The state's approved Appendix K is effective 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 and include supplemental payments that will be made as one-time payments for the period of April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021; they apply 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 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 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 or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure