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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

February 9, 2022

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.R06.14
Person/Family Directed Support Waiver	PA.0354.R04.13
Community Living Waiver	PA.1486.R00.14

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; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. CMS notes the increases to the individual fiscal year limits for the Person/Family Directed Support and Community Living waivers are effective January 1, 2022. In addition, CMS notes the rate increases and supplemental payments using section 9817 funds of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) are effective January 1, 2022.

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.

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 Marge Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure