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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

December 7, 2020

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
OBRA Waiver	PA.0235.R05.13
Community Health Choices Waiver	PA.0386.R04.05

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix Ks are additive to those previously approved and are effective from March 6, 2020 through March 5, 2021: they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

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 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 Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Melissa L. Harris
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Enclosure