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**State Demonstrations Group**

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Ben Shaffer  
Assistant Secretary of Health and State Medicaid Director  
Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services  
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3 West Road  
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Dear Mr. Shaffer:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Rhode Island's request to update the Rhode Island Comprehensive Demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00242/1) with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Attachment K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This has been incorporated into the demonstration's Special Terms and Conditions as Attachment K.

The authorities that the state has requested in the Attachment K are effective from January 27, 2020 through January 26, 2021, and apply in all locations served by the demonstration for anyone impacted by COVID-19 who receives home and community-based services through the demonstration.

We have included the approved Attachment K pages with this correspondence.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Kathleen O'Malley of my staff at (410) 786-8987 or by e-mail at [Kathleen.OMalley@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Kathleen.OMalley@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

Judith Cash  
Director

Enclosure

cc: Joyce Butterworth, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group