

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S2-14-26  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

---

July 29, 2022

Robert Kerr, State Medicaid Director  
Department of Health and Human Services  
1801 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Kerr:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving South Carolina'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
Intellectually Disabled and Related Disabilities (ID/RD) waiver	SC. 0237.R06.02
Medically Complex Children waiver (MCC)	SC.0675.R03.03
Community Supports (CS) waiver	SC.0676.R02.07
Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) waiver	SC.0284.R05.07
Community Choices (CC) waiver	SC.0405.R04.04
HIV-AIDS waiver	SC.0186.R07.03
Mechanical Ventilator Dependent (VENT) waiver	SC.40181.R05.06

The state's approved Appendix K is effective January 27, 2020 through six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. 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 acknowledges beginning April 1, 2021, the state will temporarily raise the identified waiver service rates while utilizing funds from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

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 Appendix K.

Page Two - Mr. Kerr

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 Marge Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at [Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy  
Director, DEHPG

Enclosure