

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**

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August 20, 2020

William Snyder, Director  
Department of Social Services  
700 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Mr. Snyder,

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving South Dakota'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:

<u>WAIVER TITLE</u>	<u>CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER</u>
CHOICES Waiver	SD.0044.R08.03

The amendment that the state has requested for the Appendix K for the waiver is additive to the previously approved Appendix K and is effective from January 27, 2020 through January 26, 2021 and applies 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](mailto:daphne.hicks@cms.hhs.gov) or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at [mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy  
Director

Enclosure