

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

December 16, 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) waiver with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
CHOICES Waiver	SD.0044.R08.05

The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved and is effective from March 13, 2020 through March 12, 2021; it applies in all locations served by the individual waiver 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