

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

April 6, 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:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
CHOICES waiver	SD.0044.R08.01
Home and Community-Based Options and Person-Centered Excellence (HOPE) waiver	SD.0189.R06.03

The amendment that the state has requested for the CHOICES Appendix K is effective from January 27, 2020 through January 26, 2021 and the HOPE Appendix K is effective from March 13, 2020 from March 12, 2021 and apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

For each waiver, 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,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy
Director

Enclosure