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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Stephen Smith, Director
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Dear Mr. Smith:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Tennessee'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
Statewide Home and Community Based Services (or "Statewide") waiver	TN.0128.R06.04
Comprehensive Aggregate Cap Home and Community Based Services (or "CAC") Waiver	TN.0357.R04.04
Tennessee Self-Determination Waiver Program	TN.0427.R03.06

The state's approved Appendix Ks are effective from March 13, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The amendments that the state has requested in these submissions are additive to those previously approved and apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. The temporary increase of the individual cost limit and the temporary rate increase are effective from July 1, 2021 to six months after the end of the PHE. In addition, the temporary increase of the service limit is effective from November 2, 2021 to six months after the end of the PHE.

The state has identified its intent to use money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for the temporary increase of the service limit. Approval of these actions 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 the Appendix K.

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If you need assistance, feel free to contact Ryan Shannahan of my staff at 410-786-0295 or by e-mail at Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov or Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure