

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

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Stephanie Stephens
State Medicaid Director
4900 North Lamar Blvd
Austin, TX 78751

Dear Ms. Stephens,

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Texas' 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
Community Living Assistance and Support Services	TX.0221.R06.08

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from March 13, 2020 through the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved. CMS notes the state is increasing the Factor C in waiver year 2 from 5,878 to 6,014. Additionally, CMS notes the state is increasing the Point in Time limit for waiver year 2 from 5,650 to 5,818. The amendments apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

CMS reminds the state that the state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan. Approval of this action does not constitute approval of the state's spending plan.

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 Bernice Denbow of my staff at 410-786-6777 or by e-mail at Bernice.Denbow@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