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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Stephanie Stephens  
State Medicaid Director  
Health and Human Services Commission  
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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) waivers with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Youth Empowerment Services	TX.0657.R02.07
Texas Home Living	TX.0403.R03.10
Home and Community-Based Services	TX.0110.R07.09
Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities	TX.0281.R05.10
Medically Dependent Children Program	TX.0181.R06.10
Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)	TX.0221.R06.05

The effective period for this Appendix K is March 13, 2020 to the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19; and it applies in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

Please note the guidance issued in the December 22, 2020 State Health Official Letter ([SHO](#)); specifically, the requirement for advance notice of beneficiaries. When closing an Appendix K or ending an Appendix K flexibility prior to the end date of the Appendix K, the requirement for advance notice of beneficiaries applies. More details can be found on pages 11-12 of the SHO.

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 this waiver program 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](mailto:Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov) or Ralph Lollar at 410-786-0777 or by e-mail at [Ralph.Lollar@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ralph.Lollar@cms.hhs.gov) .

Sincerely,

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Enclosure