

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S2-14-26
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

July 1, 2022

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

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Texas Home Living	TX.0403.R04.01
Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities	TX.0281.R05.11
Medically Dependent Children Program	TX.0181.R06.12
Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)	TX.0221.R06.06
Home and Community-Based Services	TX.0110.R07.12

The state's approved Appendix K is March 13, 2020 to the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The rate increases the state has requested in this Appendix K are additive to the state's previously approved Appendix Ks and will be applied to claims submitted as of the date of approval of this submission until the end of the federal PHE for COVID-19 for services rendered between March 1, 2022 and August 31, 2022. The Appendix K applies in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

The state has identified its intent to use money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Approval of this action 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.

Ms. Stephens – Page Two

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,

Melissa L. Harris
Deputy Director, DEHPG

Enclosure