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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Karen Kimsey, Agency Director
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Dear Ms. Kimsey:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Virginia'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
Community Living waiver	VA.0372.R04.09
Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus waiver	VA.0321.R04.11
Family and Individual Supports waiver	VA.0358.R04.11
Building Independence waiver	VA.0430.R03.09

The state's approved Appendix K is effective March 12, 2020 through six months after 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; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. As noted in the Appendix K amendment, the one-time staff supplemental payment is effective July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 and the temporary rate increase for all waiver services is effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The state has identified its intent to use money realized from Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). CMS approval of this action does not constitute approval of the state's ARP HCBS 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 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,

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Enclosure