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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

November 10, 2020

MaryAnne Lindeblad
Washington State Health Care Authority
626 8th Avenue SE
Olympia WA, 98501

Dear Ms. Lindeblad:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Washington'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
COPEs Waiver	WA.0049.R08.05
Residential Supports Waiver	WA.1086.R01.05
New Freedom Waiver	WA.0443.R03.03

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix Ks are additive to those previously approved and are effective from January 27, 2020 to January 26, 2021; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

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 Ryan Shannahan of my staff at 410-786-0295 or by e-mail at Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov or Ralph Lollar at 410-786-0777 or by e-mail at Ralph.Lollar@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Melissa L. Harris
Acting Director, DEHPG

Enclosure