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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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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:

<u>WAIVER TITLE</u>	<u>CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER</u>
Basic Plus	WA.0409.R03.08
Individual and Family Services	WA.1186.R01.06
Core	WA.0410.R03.10
Community Protection	WA.0411.R03.09
Children's Intensive In-Home Behavior Support	WA.40669.R02.07

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved and are effective from January 27, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19; they apply 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 these waiver programs 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