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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Dear Director Schuh:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Maryland'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:

<b>WAIVER TITLE</b>	<b>CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER</b>
Family Supports Waiver	MD.1466.R01.08
Community Supports Waiver	MD.1506.R01.08
Community Pathways Waiver	MD.0023.R07.09

The state's approved Appendix K is effective from March 13, 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. CMS notes the state is increasing Factor C, increasing reserved capacity as specified in the Appendix K amendment, and updating/expanding conditions for accessing the previously approved isolation rate increase. Additionally, the state is extending the end date of provider qualification flexibilities through June 30, 2023 but no later than the end of the Appendix K. The amendments apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

CMS reminds the state that the state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan. Approval of this action does not constitute approval of the state's spending plan.

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.

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If you need assistance, feel free to contact Bernice Denbow of my staff at 410-786-6777 or by e-mail at [Bernice.Denbow@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Bernice.Denbow@cms.hhs.gov) or Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at [Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure