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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Steven R. Schuh, Medicaid Director
Maryland Department of Health
201 West Preston Street Rm 525
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Mr. 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:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Family Supports	MD.1466.R01.07
Community Supports	MD.1506.R01.07
Community Pathways Waivers	MD.0023.R07.08

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 authorizing a 5.5 percent rate increase to providers effective April 1, 2021 through six months after the end of the PHE. Additionally, the state is authorizing a one-time 10 percent emergency rate increase to providers for services billed from January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022. The amendments apply 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 Appendix K.

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 or Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure