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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dear Ms. Rhodes:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Georgia'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
Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP)	GA.0323.R04.09
New Options Waiver (NOW)	GA.0175.R06.08

The state's approved Appendix K is effective March 1, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. We note the rate and service maximum allowance increases and temporary modifications to residential licenses for higher occupancy will be effective beginning July 1, 2021 and end with the expiration of the Appendix K.

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 (ARP). 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 the Appendix K.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure