

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Melissa Byrd, District Medicaid Director  
Department of Health Care Finance  
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Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Byrd:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving the District of Columbia's request to amend the following 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) waiver	DC.0307.R04.08

The District's approved Appendix K is effective March 11, 2020 through six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The amendment that the District has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved; it applies in all locations served by the individual waiver for anyone impacted by COVID-19. CMS acknowledges the purpose of the amendment is to extend the end date from September 30, 2022 to six months after the end of the PHE for the increased payment rates for Registered Nurse (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) components of the rate methodology included within the per diem rate for Supported Living Daily with and without Transportation and Residential Habilitation services effective on October 1, 2021.

CMS reminds the District that the District 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 District's spending plan.

We have included the approved Appendix K pages with this correspondence. Please utilize the waiver management system for the HCBS waiver for any future amendments to this waiver program 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](mailto:Daphne.Hicks@cms.hhs.gov) or Marge Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at [Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy  
Director, DEHPG

Enclosure