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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

September 24, 2021

Melisa Byrd
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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) waivers 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 Waiver	DC.0307.R04.06
Individual and Family Support Waiver	DC.1766.R00.02

The amendments that the District has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved and apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. The District's approved Appendix K is effective from March 11, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. CMS notes the effective date of the additional three 30-day episodes of retainer payments for waiver DC.0307, and the initial three 30-day episodes of retainer payments for waiver DC.1766, is January 1, 2021. The effective date of the add on supplemental payment is on or before September 30, 2021, but no earlier than April 1, 2021.

CMS reminds the District that it must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the 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 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 Amanda Hill of my staff at 410-786-2457 or by e-mail at Amanda.Hill@cms.hhs.gov or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail Mary.Marchioni@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy
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Enclosure