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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dave Richard, Deputy Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Benefits
1985 Umstead Drive
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Dear Mr. Richard:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving North Carolina'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
Community Alternatives Program for Children	NC.4141.R06.07
Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults	NC.0132.R07.05

The state's approved Appendix Ks are effective from March 13, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). The amendment applies in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. CMS notes the state is providing an additional three 30-day retainer payments effective from August 15, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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 the 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