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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dave Richard
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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) waiver with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
NC Innovations	NC.0423.R03.05

The amendment that the state has requested in this Appendix K is additive to the state's previously approved Appendix K and applies in all locations served by the individual waiver for anyone impacted by COVID-19. The previously approved Appendix K is effective from March 13, 2020 to March 12, 2021, however the change requested in this amendment is effective from August 17, 2020 through March 12, 2021. The purpose of the amendment is to allow for the provision of respite during remote learning.

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 this waiver program other than Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Ryan Shannahan of my staff at 410-786-0295 or by e-mail at Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov or Ralph Lollar at 410-786-0777 or by e-mail at Ralph.Lollar@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Melissa L. Harris
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Enclosure