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## Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

July 19, 2022

Dave Richard, Deputy Secretary Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Benefits 1985 Umstead Drive Raleigh, NC 27609

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.R06.09
Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults	NC.0132.R07.06
Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults	NC.0132.R07.07

The state's approved Appendix Ks are effective March 13, 2020 through six months following the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The rate increases the state has requested in the Appendix Ks are effective from March 1, 2022 through six months following the end of the PHE. The Appendix Ks apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

The state has identified its intent to use money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Approval of these actions 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 Ryan Shannahan of my staff at 410-786-0295 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov">Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov</a> or Margherita Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov">Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure