DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Kelly Cunningham Medicaid Director Department of Healthcare and Family Services 201 South Grand Avenue, 3rd floor Springfield, IL 62763

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Illinois' 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
HCBS Waiver for Persons who are Elderly	IL.0143.R06.10
Persons with Disabilities	IL.0142.R07.01
HCBS Waiver for Persons with HIV or AIDS	IL.0202.R06.09
HCBS Waiver for Persons with Brain Injury	IL.0329.R04.10

The amendments that the state 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 state's approved Appendix K is effective from January 27, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. CMS notes the effective date of the one-time payment is September 5, 2021.

CMS reminds the state that the state 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 state'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 email at Amanda.Hill@cms.hhs.gov or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail Mary.Marchioni@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure