

Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dear Mr. Tsai:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Massachusetts' 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
Frail Elder Waiver (FEW)	MA.0059.R07.04
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver	MA.0359.R04.04
MFP – Community Living (MFP-CL) Waiver	MA.1027.R01.05
MFP – Residential Supports (MFP-RS) Waiver	MA.1028.R01.04
Acquired Brain Injury with Residential Habilitation (ABI-RH) Waiver	MA.40701.R02.05
Acquired Brain Injury Non-residential Habilitation (ABI-N) Waiver	MA.40702.R02.04
Community Living Waiver (DDS-CL)	MA.0826.R02.04
Intensive Supports Waiver (DDS-IS)	MA.0827.R02.04
Adult Supports Waiver (DDS-AS)	MA.0828.R02.04
Children's Autism Spectrum Disorder Waiver	MA.40207.R03.03

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved and are effective from March 1, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. We note the rate increases and retainer payments will be effective from the dates identified in the Appendix K.

Please note the guidance issued in the December 22, 2020 State Health Official Letter ([SHO](#)); specifically, the requirement for advance notice of beneficiaries. When closing an Appendix K or ending an Appendix K flexibility prior to the end date of the Appendix K, the requirement for advance notice of beneficiaries applies. More details can be found on pages 11-12 of the SHO.

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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 Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov or Ralph Lollar at 410-786-0777 or by e-mail at Ralph.Lollar@cms.hhs.gov .

Sincerely,

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Enclosure