

APPENDIX K: Emergency Preparedness and Response and COVID-19 Addendum

Background:

This standalone appendix may be utilized by the state during emergency situations to request amendments to its approved waiver, to multiple approved waivers in the state, and/or to all approved waivers in the state. It includes actions that states can take under the existing Section 1915(c) home and community-based waiver authority in order to respond to an emergency. Other activities may require the use of various other authorities such as the Section 1115 demonstrations or the Section 1135 authorities.ⁱ This appendix may be applied retroactively as needed by the state. Public notice requirements normally applicable under 1915(c) do not apply to information contained in this Appendix.

Appendix K-1: General Information

General Information:

A. State: Massachusetts

B. Waiver Title(s):

- Frail Elder Waiver (FEW)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver
- MFP – Community Living (MFP-CL) Waiver
- MFP – Residential Supports (MFP-RS) Waiver
- Acquired Brain Injury with Residential Habilitation (ABI-RH) Waiver
- Acquired Brain Injury Non-residential Habilitation (ABI-N) Waiver
- Community Living Waiver (DDS-CL)
- Intensive Supports Waiver (DDS-IS)
- Adult Supports Waiver (DDS-AS)
- Children’s Autism Spectrum Disorder Waiver

C. Control Number(s):

- MA.0059.R07.03
- MA.0359.R04.03
- MA.1027.R01.04
- MA.1028.R01.03
- MA.40701.R02.04
- MA.40702.R02.03
- MA.0826.R02.03
- MA.0827.R02.03
- MA.0828.R02.03
- MA.40207.R03.02

D. Type of Emergency (The state may check more than one box):

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Pandemic or Epidemic
<input type="radio"/>	Natural Disaster
<input type="radio"/>	National Security Emergency
<input type="radio"/>	Environmental
<input type="radio"/>	Other (specify):

E. Brief Description of Emergency. *In no more than one paragraph each*, briefly describe the: 1) nature of emergency; 2) number of individuals affected and the state’s mechanism to identify individuals at risk; 3) roles of state, local and other entities involved in approved waiver operations; and 4) expected changes needed to service delivery methods, if applicable. The state should provide this information for each emergency checked if those emergencies affect different geographic areas and require different changes to the waiver.

COVID-19 pandemic. This amendment will apply waiver-wide for each waiver included in this Appendix, to all individuals impacted by the virus or the response to the virus (e.g. closure of day programs, etc.).

The purpose of this submission is to extend the end date of the previously approved Appendix K.

F. Proposed Effective Date: Start Date: March 1, 2020 **Anticipated End Date:** Six months after the expiration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

G. Description of Transition Plan.

All activities will take place in response to the impact of COVID-19 as efficiently and effectively as possible based upon the complexity of the change.

H. Geographic Areas Affected:

These actions will apply across the waiver to all individuals impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

I. Description of State Disaster Plan (if available) Reference to external documents is acceptable:

N/A

8. Authorizing Signature

Signature:

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Section A---Services to be Added/Modified During an Emergency

Complete for each service added during a time of emergency. For services in the approved waiver that the state is temporarily modifying, enter the entire service definition and highlight the change. State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification should be readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Specification			
Service Title:			
<i>Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:</i>			
Service Definition (Scope):			
Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:			
As specified in the approved waiver applications.			
Provider Specifications			
Provider Category(s) <i>(check one or both):</i>		Individual. List types:	Agency. List the types of agencies:
Specify whether the service may be provided by <i>(check each that applies):</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Legally Responsible Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Relative/Legal Guardian
Provider Qualifications <i>(provide the following information for each type of provider):</i>			
Provider Type:	License <i>(specify)</i>	Certificate <i>(specify)</i>	Other Standard <i>(specify)</i>
Verification of Provider Qualifications			
Provider Type:	Entity Responsible for Verification:		Frequency of Verification
Service Delivery Method			
Service Delivery Method <i>(check each that applies):</i>			



ⁱ Numerous changes that the state may want to make may necessitate authority outside of the scope of section 1915(c) authority. States interested in changes to administrative claiming or changes that require section 1115 or section 1135 authority should engage CMS in a discussion as soon as possible. Some examples may include: (a) changes to administrative activities, such as the establishment of a hotline; or (b) suspension of general Medicaid rules that are not addressed under section 1915(c) such as payment rules or eligibility rules or suspension of provisions of section 1902(a) to which 1915(c) is typically bound.