



**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Dear Ms. Cassel Kraft:

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:

<b>WAIVER TITLE</b>	<b>CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER</b>
MFP – Community Living (MFP-CL) Waiver	MA.1027.R01.06
MFP – Residential Supports (MFP-RS) Waiver	MA.1028.R01.05
Acquired Brain Injury with Residential Habilitation (ABI-RH) Waiver	MA.40701.R02.06
Acquired Brain Injury Non-residential Habilitation (ABI-N) Waiver	MA.40702.R02.05

The amendment to increase rates that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved and is effective from June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021; it applies in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

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.

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.

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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](mailto:Ryan.Shannahan@cms.hhs.gov) or Ralph Lollar at 410-786-0777 or by e-mail at [Ralph.Lollar@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ralph.Lollar@cms.hhs.gov) .

Sincerely,

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Enclosure