

Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

January 20, 2022

Robert Kerr, State Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Human Services
1801 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Kerr:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving South 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
Intellectually Disabled and Related Disabilities (ID/RD) waiver	SC. 0237.R06.01
Medically Complex Children waiver (MCC)	SC.0675.R03.01
Community Supports (CS) waiver	SC.0676.R02.06
Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) waiver	SC.0284.R05.05
Community Choices (CC) waiver	SC.0405.R04.01
HIV-AIDS waiver	SC.0186.R07.01
Mechanical Ventilator Dependent (VENT) waiver	SC.40181.R05.04

The state's approved Appendix K is effective January 27, 2020 through six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. CMS acknowledges the effective date of July 1, 2021, to raise the individual cost limit for waiver year five for the Community Supports waiver (CMS SC.0676); the effective date of January 1, 2022, to provide a group employment option for the Community Supports waiver (CMS SC.0676) and increase case management service limits for the Head and Spinal Cord Injury waiver (CMS SC.0284) and the Community Supports waiver (CMS SC.0676); and various effective dates for rate increases as identified within the Appendix K.

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.

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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 Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Daphne Hicks of my staff at 214-767-6471 or by e-mail at Daphne.Hicks@cms.hhs.gov or Marge Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure