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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

November 28, 2022

Kelly Cunningham, Administrator
Department of Healthcare and Family Services
201 S. Grand Avenue, 3rd Floor
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Dear Administrator Cunningham:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Illinois's request to amend the following 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

| WAIVER TITLE | CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Supportive Living Program waiver | IL.0326.R05.01 |

The state's approved Appendix K is effective January 27, 2020 through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved; it applies in all locations served by the individual waiver for anyone impacted by COVID-19. CMS acknowledges effective January 1, 2023, the state will temporarily increase payment rates to include a rate add-on for supportive living providers to cover the costs of two meals per day.

The state has identified its intent to use 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. The state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the ARP.

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 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