

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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December 3, 2020

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Dear Ms. Matthews:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Montana'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
Montana Big Sky waiver	MT.0148.R06.06
Home and Community-Based Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities	MT.0208.R06.05
Behavioral Health Severe and Disabling Mental Illness Home and Community-Based Services waiver	MT.0455.R03.01

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix Ks are additive to those previously approved and are effective from January 27, 2020 through January 26, 2021; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19.

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](mailto:daphne.hicks@cms.hhs.gov) or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at [mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,  
**Melissa L. Harris -S**  
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Acting Director, DEHPG

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