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RE: 1915(c) Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities Services Waiver amendment
(NE.4154.R07.01)

Dear Director Gonshorowski:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving your request to amend Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities Services Waiver for Intellectual Disability or Developmental Disability, or both. The CMS Control Number for the amendment is NE.4154.R07.01. Please use this number in future correspondence relevant to this waiver action.

With this amendment, the state is:

- Increasing waiver capacity
- Increasing categories of reserved capacity
- Updating information related to HBC Settings
- Providing methodology for a one-time supplemental provider payment
- Providing a description of the applicability and funding source for a one-time supplemental provider payment
- Updating Average Length of Stay, and Cost Neutrality Demonstration for WY3-5 to reflect the increase in waiver capacity and reserve capacity changes made in Appendix B.

The effective date of the amendment is January 1, 2025.

This approval is subject to your agreement to serve no more individuals than the total number of unduplicated participants indicated in Appendix J.2 of the waiver. If the state wishes to serve

more individuals or make any other alterations to this waiver, an amendment must be submitted for approval.

It is important to note that CMS' approval of this waiver amendment solely addresses the state's compliance with the applicable Medicaid authorities. CMS' approval does not address the state's independent and separate obligations under federal laws including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, or the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision. Guidance from the Department of Justice concerning compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Olmstead decision is available at http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/q&a_olmstead.htm.

CMS reminds the state that the state must have an approved spending plan 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.

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me at (410) 786-7561. You may also contact Rhonda Wells at Rhonda.Wells@cms.hhs.gov or phone number (816) 426-6486

Sincerely,

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