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## State Demonstrations Group

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Jenney Samuelson  
Acting Secretary  
Vermont Agency of Human Services  
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Dear Ms. Samuelson:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Vermont's request to extend the approval period of certain Appendix K authorities, which are part of the Vermont Global Commitment to Health Demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00194/1), to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). This approval extends the authorities CMS approved on May 22, 2020 to six months after the end of the federal PHE. This extension has been incorporated into the demonstration's Special Terms and Conditions as Attachment R. Specifically, the state is requesting the extension of all previously approved Attachment R authorities with the following exceptions:

- K-2-e Temporary modified processes for level of care evaluations or re-evaluations (within regulatory requirement).
- K-2-g Temporarily modify the person-centered service plan development process and individual(s) responsible for person-centered service plan development.
- K-Addendum 4-d regarding modified service providers for home-delivered meals to allow for additional providers, including non-traditional providers.

Additionally, this Attachment R extension approves the state's expansion of *K-2-c*, "Temporary payment for services rendered by family caregivers or legally responsible individuals in lieu of care that would have been provided by paid caregivers, within the limits of the existing plan of care," to include certain Traumatic Brain Injury Program services.

The Attachment R authorities that CMS is approving are effective from January 27, 2021, which is the end of the previous approval period, through 6 months after the end of the federally declared COVID-19 PHE and will apply in all locations served by the demonstration for anyone impacted by COVID-19 who receives HCBS through the demonstration. We have included the approved Attachment R pages with this correspondence.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact your Project Officer, Rabia Khan at (410) 786-6276 or by e-mail at [Rabia.Khan1@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Rabia.Khan1@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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