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To: DDS Qualified Providers

From: Jordan A. Scheff, DDS Commissioner

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Date: April 25, 2023

RE: **Appendix K Flexibilities & End of the Public Health Emergency (PHE)**

Dear Providers,

Throughout the pandemic, states were provided the opportunity to utilize a standalone appendix option, known as Appendix K, to request temporary amendments to approved home and community-based services provided under 1915 (c) waivers. DDS utilized Appendix K to implement flexibilities and modifications to DDS Medicaid waiver services to ensure the health and safety of individuals we support.

As many are aware, the federal government has announced that the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) is May 11, 2023. This means all Appendix K flexibilities must end, at the latest, six months after the PHE end date (November 11, 2023).

In many cases, qualified providers and the department have already been working together to roll back or unwind the Appendix K modifications and flexibilities, to reflect pre-pandemic service delivery pursuant to the permanent authority under the DDS Medicaid waivers. In addition, DDS has amended some waiver services to now offer the Appendix K flexibilities permanently.

To ensure proper understanding of what the end of the PHE means for Appendix K flexibilities, and what changes need to occur in order to return back to pre-pandemic service delivery under the permanent authority of our waivers, a companion document to this letter provides a chart that outlines the Appendix K modifications and the corresponding flexibilities upon the end of the PHE. This chart was shared in the most recent provider forum on April 20, 2023.

For questions, please reach out to your region. Thank you!