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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors, DSN Boards of Case Management
CEOs, Contracted Service Providers of Case Management
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FROM: Lori Manos, Associate State Director-Policy *fm*

DATE: September 20, 2023

RE: Ending of Appendix K

As previously noted, the federal Covid-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) ended May 11, 2023. Following the ending of the PHE, the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) was given the authority to extend flexibilities under Appendix K through November 11, 2023. The flexibilities include allowing:

- Interim In-Home Supports (IHS) services for individuals enrolled in the Intellectual Disability and Related Disabilities (ID/RD) and Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waivers.
- Adapted qualification/training requirements for family members of individuals receiving IHS through the Community Supports Waiver (CSW), and Interim IHS received through the ID/RD and HASCI Waivers.
- Home delivered meals to be provided for individuals displaced from Adult Day Health Care services.
- Day program services to be provided in residential settings.
- Additional Personal Care, Attendant Care, and Respite services to be approved for individuals displaced from day program services.

Case Managers must inform Waiver participants, who have flexibilities approved, that the extension ends November 11, 2023. Case Managers should take steps to assist participants and their families in identifying services to address ongoing needs.

Possible Examples:

- A participant used flexibilities under Appendix K to receive ID/RD Waiver funded Interim IHS. This service will no longer be available to ID/RD Waiver participants effective November 11, 2023. The Case Manager must assess for other waiver services, such as Respite and/or Personal Care to meet the need that Interim IHS was fulfilling, and ensure these services are in place by November 11, 2023.
- A CSW participant used flexibilities under Appendix K to waive the caregiver qualifications/training requirements to allow a family member to provide Interim IHS. These requirements can no longer be waived effective November 11, 2023. If the family member providing Interim IHS meets the requirements to continue providing the service, the Case Manager will assist with enrolling the family member as an IHS Caregiver. The IHS Caregiver will be required to meet all previous qualifications and training requirements in order to provide the service.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Jaques by email at jjaques@ddsn.sc.gov or Melissa Ritter at mritter@ddsn.sc.gov. Thank you.