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Region III/Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

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Estelle B. Richman, Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
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Re: Pennsylvania's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Person/Family Directed Support (PFDS) Waiver (CMS Control #0354.R02.02)

Dear Ms. Richman:

I am pleased to inform you that your application to amend your Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Person/Family Directed Support (PFDS) Waiver has been approved. This amendment is listed with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as control number #0354.R02.02. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence regarding this waiver.

The waiver amendment will enable the State to increase the individual annual budget limit for services from $23,200 to $26,000. This will allow for continued services, with a higher annual budget, for individuals aged 3 and over with mental retardation in home and community based settings in lieu of an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded.

The waiver, authorized under the provisions of 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, will enable the State to provide the following home and community-based services: Education Support Services, Home and Community Habilitation, Homemaker/Chore, Licensed Day Habilitation, Prevocational Services, Respite, Supported Employment, Supports Coordination, Unlicensed Residential Habilitation, Nursing, Therapy Services, Supports Broker Services, Assistive Technology, Behavioral Support, Companion, Home Accessibility Adaptations, Home Finding, Specialized Supplies, Transitional Work Services, Transportation, and Vehicle Accessibility Adaptations. The State will provide community-based care to 12,045 individuals as detailed below.

This approval is based on the assurances and information that the State has provided, including that Federal financial participation will not be claimed for room and board except as explicitly stated under Federal regulations at 42 CFR §441.310(a)(2).

The approval is also subject to your agreement to provide home and community-based services, on an annual basis, to no more than those indicated as the value of "C" in your approved per capita expenditure estimates (shown below). In these estimates, "C" represents the unduplicated number of individuals served under the waiver during each waiver year. Factors "D" and "G" represent the estimated average annual per capita costs of waiver and institutional services, respectively.

	Factor C	D Factor Estimates	D' Factor Estimates	G Factor Estimates	G' Factor Estimates
Year 2	12,045.00	$13,367.20	$ 10,480.00	$138,605.00	$6,039.00
Year 3	12,045.00	$15,044.01	$10,690.00	$141,378.00	$6,160.00
Year 4	12,045.00	$15,345.71	$10,904.00	$144,205.00	$6,283.00
Year 5	12,045.00	$15,653.02	$11,122.00	$147,089.00	$6,409.00

We appreciate the assistance and cooperation provided by Jeanne Meikrantz of your staff throughout the amendment process. If you have any questions regarding this waiver amendment, please contact Nancy Klimon at (215) 861-4735.

Sincerely,

/s/
Ted Gallagher
Associate Regional Administrator

cc: Kevin T. Casey, ODP
Nancy Kirchner, CMSO