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Marlana Hutchinson, Deputy Director  
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
Office of Health Services  
Nursing and Waiver Services  
201 West Preston Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: Maryland's Home and Community-Based Services Community Pathways Waiver  
Amendment, CMS Control # 0023.R06.01

Dear Ms. Hutchinson:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved your request to amend your Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Community Pathways waiver. The CMS Control Number for this renewal is MD.0023.R06.01. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence regarding this waiver renewal. The effective date is July 1, 2016.

Specifically, this amendment incorporates the changes listed below.

1. Enhance self-directed service model by removing 82 hour service preauthorization requirement and update personal support services by removing staff hour restrictions.
2. Update program capacity by adjusting projections for the number of unduplicated participants.
3. Update and establish new reserve waiver capacity for waiver participants.
4. Update projected service cost based on adjustment to unduplicated participant count and current service utilization.
5. Remove requirement for active treatment in order to be eligible for the waiver.
6. Change personal supports unit of service from an hour to 15 minute units.
7. Update terminology, language, and calculations.

This waiver covers individuals with developmental disabilities of any age who are determined to require an ICF level of care, absent the waiver. The services available through the waiver include the following: assistive technology and adaptive equipment, behavioral supports, community learning services, community residential habilitation services, day habilitation – traditional, employment discovery and customization, environmental accessibility adaptations, environmental assessment, family and individual support services, live-in caregiver rent, medical day care, personal supports, respite, shared living, support brokerage, supported employment, transition services, transportation and vehicle modifications.

Estimated expenditures demonstrate that the waiver will remain cost neutral as reflected in the estimates below.

| <u>Waiver<br/>Year</u> | <u>C Factor</u> | <u>D Factor<br/>Estimates</u> | <u>D' Factor<br/>Estimates</u> | <u>G Factor<br/>Estimates</u> | <u>G' Factor<br/>Estimates</u> |
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| 4                      | 15,985          | \$59,194.43                   | \$9,961.36                     | \$239,852.71                  | \$5,180.44                     |
| 5                      | 16,815          | \$59,517.00                   | \$10,459.43                    | \$247,048.29                  | \$5,335.86                     |

This approval is subject to your agreement to serve no more individuals than those indicated above. If the State chooses to make additional alterations to this waiver, an amendment must be submitted for approval.

We appreciate the assistance and cooperation provided by your staff throughout the amendment process and wish you every success in your implementation of this waiver program modification. Please contact LCDR Frankeena Wright at 215-861-4754 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Francis McCullough  
Associate Regional Administrator

cc: Marc Blowe – DHMH  
Jarrod Terry - DHMH  
Daphne Hicks - CMCS