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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR PARTNERS AT DCH

DCH BANNER MESSAGE

Update On Appendix K Extension Request

On Friday, 2/26/2021, the Department of Community Health (DCH) posted a **banner message** on the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) website, providing an update on the Appendix K extension request. As you are aware, DCH submitted an Appendix K application in response to the National Public Health Emergency (PHE) and it was to expire on 2/28/2021.

In anticipation of its expiration, DCH submitted a request to extend its current Appendix K application for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive (COMP) Supports Waiver programs through the end of the PHE and up to six months after the end of the PHE to allow for a transition to pre-pandemic operations. DCH also included a request to make certain modifications to the current program operations. While they have not yet received a formal approval notice from CMS, all discussions with CMS indicate that the extension request and the modifications will be approved.

Please note that per CMS' directive, the only modification not eligible for extension is the use of retainer payments. CMS stated in late 2020 that additional retainer payments will not be approved in this second year of the PHE.

Pending approval from CMS, we are asking all providers to continue to operate under the existing Appendix K flexibilities and allowances.

DCH and DBHDD will notify all providers as soon as more updates are available. Please submit any questions through the **Provider Issue Management System (PIMS)**.

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