

APPENDIX K – 2nd Wave

Summary

5.27.2020

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved an emergency planning document called Appendix K for NC Medicaid. Appendix K will be effective from March 13, 2020, to March 12, 2021, or until the COVID -19 pandemic is no longer a public health emergency, whichever is sooner. **Additional Flexibilities (Appendix K- 2nd Wave) were approved 5.27.2020 and are effective 4.30.2020.**

<https://www.alliancehealthplan.org/wp-content/uploads/CMS-Approved-Appendix-K-2nd-Wave-Innovations.pdf>

<https://www.alliancehealthplan.org/wp-content/uploads/CMS-Approved-Appendix-K-2nd-Wave-TBI.pdf>

The flexibilities extended through the approved Appendix K are intended only for the NC Innovations Waiver, and NC TBI Waiver beneficiaries impacted by COVID-19 either directly or due to their staff being impacted and unable to provide services. Beneficiaries who qualify for additional services or waiving of waiver rules and requirements because of COVID-19 must be reassessed at least 30-days before the expiration of the Appendix K to determine ongoing needs.

The use of these Appendix K flexibilities to current waiver requirements or exclusions are to be reported to Alliance Health. This form provides a reporting mechanism for the exceptions or flexibilities which will most often be needed.

Please complete Alliance's "Addendum to Services" Form, **within 1 week of the exception being applied**, for one per member when you, as the provider of service and/or Employer of Record, implement the use of one or more of the following flexibilities. An updated "Addendum to Services Form" will be posted on Alliance Web site. This updated form reflects the modifications related to Setting and Relative as Provider (RAP) cited in Appendix K- 2nd Wave.

Please submit "Addendum to Services" Form to: ImplementAppendixK@alliancehealthplan.org

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Waiver Category Description	NC Specific Request	Applicable Waiver
Temporarily expand setting(s) where services may be provided (e.g. hotels, shelters, schools, churches):	Allow primary Alternative Family Living (AFL) Providers to provide Supported Employment, Day Supports or Community Networking to the participant living in the AFL during times that Supported Employment, Day Supports or Community Networking would be regularly provided.	Innovations and TBI
Temporarily permit payment for services rendered by family caregivers or legally responsible individuals if not already permitted under the waiver:	Allow legally responsible persons of minor waiver beneficiaries who reside in the home and out of the home to provide, Day Supports, Supported Employment, Community Living and Supports, and Community Networking when other providers are not available.	Innovations only

Temporarily permit payment for services rendered by family caregivers or legally responsible individuals if not already permitted under the waiver:	Allow for additional services to be provided by relatives who live in the home of the adult waiver beneficiary (current waiver only allows for Community Living and Supports) to include Community Networking, Day Supports and Supported Employment for 90 days. UPDATE Effective 4.30.2020: There may be more than one 90 day period.	Innovations Only
Temporarily add service to the waiver to address the emergency situation:	Add Home Delivered Meals as an additional service. Home Delivered Meals consists of two Home Delivered Meals per day.	Innovations and TBI Important Note: Alliance is currently in the process of developing the implementation of this new service. Please continue to monitor Provider news for this service.

Waiver Category Description	NC Specific Request	Applicable Waiver
Function of Care Coordination	Function of Care Coordination	Function of Care Coordination
Temporarily modify service scope or coverage:	Waive requirement for the Letter of Medical Necessity or Prescription from the Physicians, Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant for ongoing supplies or replacement equipment for which member has an already established authorization. This applies to Assistive Technology, Equipment and Supplies.	Innovations and TBI