

7.4. B Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for COVID-19 National Emergency

Effective May 12, 2023 until September 30, 2023, the agency temporarily extends the following elections(s) of Section 7.4 approved on April 20, 2020 in disaster relief SPA LA TN 20-0004 of the State Plan:

Benefits

X The agency makes the following adjustments to benefits currently covered in the State plan:

The State respectfully requests to extend the following provisions:

- 1. Allow exceptions to the requirements that services must be provided in accordance with the approved plan of care and supporting documentation, to authorize hours up to 32 hours per week, if needed;*
- 2. Allow the following persons to serve as the direct service worker for the recipient: the recipient's curator; the recipient's tutor; the recipient's responsible representative; or the person to whom the recipient has given Representative and Mandate authority (Power of Attorney) unless they are legally responsible relatives;*
- 3. Allow LT-PCS to be provided in another state without prior approval of the Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) or its designee;*
- 4. Allow recipients to receive LT-PCS while living in a home or property owned, operated or controlled by a provider of services who is not related by blood or marriage to the recipient;*
- 5. Allow the State to increase the maximum number of LT-PCS hours received per week;*
and
- 6. Allow exceptions to the prior authorization requirements.*