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General Comment

My name is Shyla Patera. I am an independent living specialist with North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. in Black Eagle, Montana. NCILS hopes that all states who are receiving the 10% F map funding welll reports not only spending and expenses but also how service is implemented will help sustain community living for Americans with disabilities and seniors who wish to age in place in our communities and and the intersection housing and HCBS.NCILS believes that CMS needs to assists states in studying how HCBSprograms are to be implemented sustained and funded.

Because COVID-19 and it's variance may be a chronic issue throughout the United States CMS must study congregate settings and people live both as we protect our selves from Covid 19 and providing disabilities accessible supports for those individuals who do contract the virus. We also need accessible disaster planning and Medicaid supports for those eligible and on current services. Congress needs to pass the Real Emergency Access for Aging andDisability Inclusion for Act and the Disaster Relief MedicaidAct.What is this is a long-term we need to ensure that Medicaid ,Medicare, and insurance as well as services provided are portable.