



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

September 18, 2026

Tyler Sadwith, State Medicaid Director
California Department of Health Care Services
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RE: California Appendix K Amendment CA.0336.R05.44

Dear Director Sadwith:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving California's request to amend the Californians with Developmental Disabilities 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver in order to add an Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in response to Palos Warehouse Fire. The CMS Control Number and the effective date for the amendment is listed below. Please use this number in future correspondence relevant to this waiver action.

- CA 0336.R05.44 (Palos Warehouse Fire): Effective from June 17, 2026, to July 17, 2026

This amendment adds an Appendix K to the waiver to allow the state to authorize retainer payments for the following services: Habilitation – Community Living Arrangement Services, Behavioral Intervention Services, and Day Services. The retainer payments authorized under this amendment apply to waiver participants impacted by the natural disaster noted above. We have included the approved Appendix K pages for this waiver with this correspondence. Please utilize the waiver management system for HCBS waivers for any further amendments to these waiver programs other than Appendix K.

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me at (410) 786-7561. You may also contact Alice Hogan at Alice.Hogan@cms.hhs.gov or (404) 562-7432.

Sincerely,

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George P. Failla, Jr., Director
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Enclosure

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