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Tyler Sadwith, State Medicaid Director
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RE: CA 0336.R05.20 Appendix K Amendment

Dear Director Sadwith:

We are sending this amended approval letter to reflect an updated end date for the Appendix K approved on January 16, 2025. 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 the Palisades Fire. The CMS Control Number for the amendment is CA.0336.R05.20. Please use this number in future correspondence relevant to this waiver action.

Effective January 7, 2025 through January 7, 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, and to expand the settings in which services may be provided. The retainer payments and expanded settings authorized under this amendment apply to waiver participants impacted by the Palisades Fire in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

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,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of George P. Failla, Jr.

George P. Failla, Jr., Director
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Enclosure

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