

Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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Tyler Sadwith, State Medicaid Director  
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RE: CA 0336.R05.15, CA 0336.R05.16, CA 0336.R05.17, CA 0336.R06.18 Appendix K  
Amendments

Dear Director Sadwith:

We are writing to inform you that 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 Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix Ks in response to the Pier, Shelly, Bear, and Mountain Fires. The CMS Control Numbers for these amendments are noted below, along with the effective dates. Please use these numbers in future correspondence relevant to these waiver actions.

- CA 0336.R05.15 – Pier Fire – Effective April 25, 2024 through May 25, 2024
- CA 0336.R05.16 – Shelly Fire – Effective July 3, 2024 through August 2, 2024
- CA 0336.R05.17 – Bear Fire – Effective September 2, 2024 through October 2, 2024
- CA 0336.R05.18 – Mountain Fire – Effective November 6, 2024 through December 6, 2024

These amendments add an Appendix K to the waivers 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 these amendments apply to waiver participants impacted by the Pier Fire in San Diego County, the Shelly fire in Siskiyou County, the Bear Fire in Sierra County, and the Mountain Fire in Ventura County.

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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