

## Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

March 27, 2025

Tyler Sadwith, State Medicaid Director and Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs California Department of Health Care Services P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

RE: CA 0336.R05.21 Appendix K Amendment

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 the Santa Cruz Coastal Storm. The CMS Control Number for the amendment is CA.0336.R05.21. Please use this number in future correspondence relevant to this waiver action.

Effective December 3, 2024 through January 23, 2025, 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 Santa Cruz Coastal Storm in Santa Cruz 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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Enclosure

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