

**Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group**

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September 3, 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.R05.25 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 February 2025 storms. The CMS Control Number for the amendment is CA 0336.R05.25 and is effective January 31, 2025 through March 17, 2025. Please use this number in future correspondence relevant to these waiver actions.

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 February 2025 storms in Humboldt, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Shasta, Sonoma, and Trinity 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,



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Enclosure

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