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Tyler Sadwith, State Medicaid Director and Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs
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RE: CA 0336.R05.29 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 Pack Fire. The CMS Control Number for the amendment is CA 0336.R05.29 and is effective November 13, 2025 through December 13, 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 Pack Fire in Mono 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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