



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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Tyler Sadwith, State Medicaid Director and Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs
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RE: California Appendix K Amendments

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 multiple natural disasters. The CMS Control Numbers and the effective dates for the amendments are listed below. Please use these numbers in future correspondence relevant to these waiver actions.

- CA 0336.R05.30 (Windstorm) – effective January 7, 2025 - February 8, 2025
- CA 0336.R05.31 (Tsunami) – effective July 30, 2025 - August 30, 2025
- CA 0336.R05.32 (Gifford Fire) – effective August 1, 2025 - October 28, 2025
- CA 0336.R05.33 (Monsoon Storms) – effective August 24, 2025 - September 25, 2025
- CA 0336.R05.34 (August Storms and Mudslides) – effective August 23, 2025 - September 27, 2025
- CA 0336.R05.35 (Mid-September Storm) – effective September 18, 2025 - October 18, 2025
- CA 0336.R05.36 (Late December Storms) – effective December 23, 2025 - January 23, 2026

These amendments add 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 natural disasters noted above. 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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