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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dear Ms. Cooper:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving California's request to amend the following 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
1915(c) HCBS Waiver Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)	CA.0141.R06.09

The state's approved Appendix K is effective February 4, 2020 through six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved; it applies to the six counties identified within the Appendix K. This amendment changes the service delivery system for the six counties noted in the Appendix K from managed care to Fee-For-Service effective January 1, 2022 through May 1, 2022. The 1915(c) waiver amendment CA.0141.R06.08 that makes this change permanent was effective May 2, 2022.

CMS reminds the state that the state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Approval of this action does not constitute approval of the state's spending plan.

We have included the approved Appendix K pages with this correspondence. Please utilize the waiver management system for the HCBS waivers for any further amendments to these waiver programs other than the Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Daphne Hicks of my staff at 214-767-6471 or by e-mail at Daphne.Hicks@cms.hhs.gov or Marge Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure