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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Jacey Cooper, State Medicaid Director
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Dear Director 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) waivers with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) waiver	CA.0139.R05.15
Assisted Living Waiver (ALW)	CA.0431.R03.11
Home and Community-Based Services Waiver-Medi-Cal Waiver Program (MCWP), formerly known as HIV/AIDS waiver	CA.0183.R06.01
Home and Community-Based Services Waiver – Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)	CA.0141.R06.11

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 amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to those previously approved; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. Beginning September 1, 2023, the state will issue one-time supplemental payments to the specific provider types identified within the Appendix K.

The state has identified its intent to use 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. The state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the ARP.

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.

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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