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Mari Cantwell, Chief Deputy Director
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Dear Ms. Cantwell:

We have completed our review of the CMS-372 Report for California's Home and Community-Based Services Nursing Facility/Acute Hospital (NF/AH) Waiver, Control Number 0139, Waiver Year 2, 01/01/2013 – 12/31/2013.

Based on our analysis of the expenditure, utilization and quality management data submitted and the State's response to CMS' questions, we found the report to be acceptable. The waiver proved to be cost neutral for the waiver year reported and the unduplicated participant enrollment did not exceed the approved estimate. However, CMS requests that the Department of Health Care Services provide additional information obtained in 2014 and 2015 demonstrating remediation activities taken to improve the state's compliance with provider's recordkeeping and the obtainment of physician signatures on service plans.

Please also keep our office informed of any changes of expenditures that may affect the cost neutrality of the waiver and any deficiency that may affect the quality of care provided to the waiver participants. If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Creggett at (415) 744-3656 or by email at Kathleen.Creggett@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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