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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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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) 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.R05.10
Assisted Living waiver	CA.0431.R03.06

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are additive to the Appendix K previously approved and are effective from September 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021, and apply in all locations served by the individual waivers. With this approval, CMS acknowledges the state will process individuals into the waivers by prioritizing those who are currently in hospitals in areas where significant concern regarding the rate of COVID-19 infection indicates an elevated need to transition individuals into the community as soon as medically appropriate.

We have included the approved Appendix K pages with this correspondence. Please utilize the waiver management system for HCBS waivers for any further amendments to these waiver programs other than 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](mailto:daphne.hicks@cms.hhs.gov) or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at [mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure