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Medicaid Benefits and Health Programs Group

March 28, 2024

Tyler Sadwith, State Medicaid Director Director of Health Care Services 1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 0000 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Dear Director Sadwith:

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 in order to add an Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in response to the February 2024 winter storms:

| WAIVER TITLE | CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER |
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| HCBS Waiver for Californians with Developmental Disabilities | CA.0336.R05.04 |

Effective February 3, 2024, through March 3, 2024, this amendment to add an Appendix K to the waiver will allow the state to authorize retainer payments for the following services in this waiver: community living arrangement services, behavioral intervention services, and day services. The retainer payments authorized under this amendment apply to waiver participants impacted by the storms in Los Angelos, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties.

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.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Deanna Clark of my staff at 410-786-4697 or by e-mail at Deanna.Clark@cms.hhs.gov or Kathy Poisal at 410-786-5940 or by email at Kathryn.Poisal@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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