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THIS LETTER SENT VIA EMAIL

Mr. James G. Scott, Director Division of Program Operations Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 601 East 12th Street, Suite 0300 Kansas City, MO 64106-2898

STATE PLAN AMENDMENT 23-0041 WITHDRAWAL

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requests to withdraw State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0041, which DHCS submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 8, 2023. This withdrawal letter follows CMS' guidance issued on November 19, 2024, that will enable CMS to approve SPA 24-0051 more expeditiously without first needing to approve SPA 23-0041.

SPA 23-0041 proposes technical edits to clarify that Intermediate Care Facilities are also known as Nursing Facilities Level A, and to change "Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled" to "Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities" (IFC/IID) to align with the terminology used in Section 440.150 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Lastly, this SPA makes additional clarifying edits that CMS requested to align the descriptions for Items 14 and 15 in Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B with descriptions in federal regulations and Attachments 3.1-A and 3.1-B. DHCS intends to resubmit this SPA in 2025 after CMS approves SPA 24-0003, which has an overlapping page.

DHCS would like to thank CMS staff for the technical assistance provided during their review of this SPA. Please contact Erica Holmes, Chief, Benefits Division, by telephone at (916) 345-7799, or by email at <u>Erica.Holmes@dhcs.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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