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**Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group**

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March 13, 2025

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

RE: California Home and Community Based Alternatives Waiver Amendment 0139.R06.05

Dear Director Sadwith:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving your request to amend the Home and Community Based Alternative Waiver for persons of any age who are medically fragile and/or technologically dependent. The CMS Control Number for this amendment is CA-0139.R06.05. Please use this number in future correspondence relevant to this waiver action.

With this amendment, the state is increasing the number of paid sick leave hours available for Waiver Personal Care Service (WPCS). The effective date of the amendment is July 1, 2024.

The waiver continues to be cost-neutral. The average per capita cost of waiver services estimates (Appendix J.1) have been approved.

This approval is subject to your agreement to serve no more individuals than the total number of unduplicated participants indicated in Appendix J.2 of the waiver. If the state wishes to serve more individuals or make any other alterations to this waiver, an amendment must be submitted for approval.

It is important to note that CMS approval of this waiver amendment solely addresses the state's compliance with the applicable Medicaid authorities. CMS approval does not address the state's independent and separate obligations under federal laws including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, or the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision. Guidance from the Department of Justice concerning compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Olmstead decision is available at [http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/q&a\\_olmstead.htm](http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/q&a_olmstead.htm).

CMS reminds the state that the state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the 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.

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me at (410) 786-7561. You may also contact Lisa Amaro-Rife at [Lisa.Amaro-Rife@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Lisa.Amaro-Rife@cms.hhs.gov) or (214) 767-2506.

Sincerely,

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