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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Jacey Cooper
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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 state's natural disaster of statewide wildfires:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
Home and Community Based Alternatives waiver	CA.0139.R05.11
Multipurpose Senior Services Program waiver	CA.0141.R06.06
HIV/AIDS waiver	CA.0183.R05.07
HCBS Waiver for Californians with Developmental Disabilities	CA.0336.R04.12
California Assisted Living Waiver	CA.0431.R03.07
Self-Determination Program (SDP) waiver for Californian's with Developmental Disabilities	CA.1166.R00.02

The amendments that the state has requested in the Appendix K are effective from August 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021; they apply in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by the wildfires.

Please note that as you are using the approved COVID-19 Appendix K flexibilities for the wildfires, should those Appendix Ks close before you have resolved the issues for the wildfires, the state is able to amend these natural disaster Appendix Ks to add those flexibilities and to extend these Appendix Ks to July 31, 2021, which will allow for a full 12 months.

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 or Mary Marchioni at 303-844-7094 or by e-mail at mary.marchioni@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure