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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dear Ms. Cooper:

In response to the December 16, 2021 request from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a 90-day temporary extension of California's 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver for individuals who are medically fragile and technology dependent. This waiver is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2021. This temporary extension allows the California Home and Community Based Alternatives Waiver (CMS control number CA 0139.R05) to continue operating through March 31, 2022, at cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the waiver program with federal financial participation.

As authorized by 42 CFR §441.304(c), CMS is granting this temporary extension to provide the state with additional time for the state to respond to the CMS formal request for additional information and resubmit a revised waiver renewal application. During this temporary extension period, CMS also expects for the state to address any CMS comments resulting from its review of the waiver renewal application.

Please update CMS on the progress of responding to the CMS formal request for additional information and provide us with target dates for submission of the waiver renewal application as soon as possible. If you need any assistance, feel free to contact Kathleen Creggett at 415-744-3656 or via email at Kathleen.Creggett@cms.hhs.gov or Deanna Clark at 410-786-4697 or via email at Deanna.Clark@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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