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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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Jacey Cooper, Director
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Dear Ms. Cooper:

In response to the March 17, 2022 request from the California Department of Health Care Services, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a 90-day temporary extension of California's Home and Community Based Alternatives (HCBA) 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver for individuals who are medically fragile and technology dependent at an institutional level of care. This waiver is currently scheduled to expire on March 31, 2022. This temporary extension allows the HCBA Waiver (CMS Control Number 0139.R05.00) to continue operating through June 29, 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 to address recent changes in the rate methodology for its Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmental Disabilities, finalize its responses to the CMS formal request for additional information (RAI) issued on December 22, 2021 and resubmit a revised waiver renewal application. Please update CMS on the progress of responding to the CMS formal response to the RAI and provide us with target dates for submission of the waiver renewal application as soon as possible.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me at (410) 786-7561. You may also contact Kathleen Creggett at Kathleen.Creggett@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at (415) 744-3656.

Sincerely,

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