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Mari Cantwell, Chief Deputy Director
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Dear Ms. Cantwell:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to amend the California Section 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) has been approved. The amendment has been assigned Control Number 0431.R02.01 and is approved with a March 1, 2017 effective date.

This amendment allows the Department of Health Care Services to expand the services of the ALW into San Francisco County; increase waiver slots by 44 to accommodate the expansion into San Francisco County; update the number of unduplicated participants in waiver years four and five; create a waitlist process and procedure; and increase the provider rates without changing the rate methodology. The following services continue to be offered through the ALW waiver: assisted living services – homemaker, home health aide, personal care, care coordination, residential habilitation, augmented plan of care development and follow-up, and nursing facility transition care coordination.

We appreciate the cooperation of your staff during the amendment review process. If you or your staff have questions about this waiver amendment, please contact Kathleen Creggett at (415) 744-3656 or by email at Kathleen.Creggett@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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