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Jacey Cooper, Medicaid Director
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Dear Ms. Cooper:

In response to the November 21, 2022 request from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting another temporary extension of California's 1915(c) Home and Community-Based (HCBS) waiver for individuals who are medically fragile and technology dependent. The current temporary extension is scheduled to expire on December 26, 2022. This temporary extension allows the California Home and Community Based Alternatives Waiver (CMS Control Number CA 0139.R05) to continue operating through March 26, 2023 at cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the waiver program with federal financial participation. CMS anticipates approval of the pending renewal with an effective date of January 1, 2023 during this temporary extension period.

During the last temporary extension period, CMS reviewed the state's draft responses to the formal request for information (RAI) and provided the state with guidance on outstanding issues. 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 RAI and resubmit a revised waiver renewal application.

Please update CMS on the progress of responding to the formal 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 Lisa Amaro-Rife at Lisa.Amaro-Rife@cms.hhs.gov or (214) 767-2506.

Sincerely,

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