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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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Jacey Cooper, Medicaid Director
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RE: CA 0139.R05.00 Temporary Extension

Dear Ms. Cooper:

In response to the June 13, 2022 request from the California Department of Health Care Services, the State Medicaid Agency, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a 90 day temporary extension of California's Home and Community-Based Alternatives Waiver (HCBA) This 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver serves the medically fragile and technologically dependent population. The current temporary extension is scheduled to expire on June 29, 2022. This temporary extension allows the CA 0139.R05.00 HCBA waiver to continue operating through September 27, 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 provide formal responses to informal questions asked pursuant to the pending waiver amendment application and to address non-compliant service definitions both in the Waiver Management System (WMS). Please update CMS on the progress of responding to the follow up request of June 6, 2022 and provide us with target dates for submission of the waiver amendment 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 (415) 744-3656.

Sincerely,

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