



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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Tyler Sadwith, State Medicaid Director
California Department of Health Care Services
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RE: California Appendix K Amendments

Dear Director Sadwith:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving California's request to amend the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services waiver programs listed below in order to add Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix Ks in response to a chemical leak incident. The CMS Control Numbers and effective dates for the amendments are listed below. Please use these numbers in future correspondence relevant to these waiver actions.

- CA 0139.R06.09 – Home and Community Based Alternatives Waiver (Orange County Chemical Incident): Effective from May 21, 2026, to May 21, 2027
- CA 0336.R05.42 – HCBS Waiver for Californians with Developmental Disabilities (Orange County Chemical Incident): Effective from May 21, 2026, to May 21, 2027
- CA 0183.R06.03 – Medi-Cal Waiver Program (Orange County Chemical Incident): Effective from May 21, 2026, to May 21, 2027

These amendments add an Appendix K to the waiver to allow the state to temporarily allow authorized direct care waiver services such as case management, community transition services, private duty nursing, personal care services, Continuous Nursing Services and supports, Habilitation services, and Respite Care to be provided to participants, in accordance with the individual's approved care plan, in hotels, shelters, schools, churches, campgrounds, and other designated evacuation locations. Also, to allow the state to authorize retainer payments for the following services: Habilitation – Community Living Arrangement Services, Behavioral Intervention Services, and Day Services. The retainer payments authorized under this amendment apply to waiver participants impacted by the natural disasters noted above. We have included the approved Appendix K pages for this waiver with this correspondence. Please utilize the waiver management system for HCBS waivers for any further amendments to these waiver programs other than Appendix K.

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process. 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) 767-2516.

Sincerely,

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