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THIS LETTER SENT VIA EMAIL

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1915(c) Waiver AMENDMENT CA.0431.R04.04: Assisted Living Waiver (ALW)
Telehealth and Residential Rehabilitation Services Amendment.

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is submitting a 1915(c) Waiver Amendment CA.0431.R04.04 for your review and approval. This Amendment proposes to clarify the requirements and expectations of agencies providing Residential Habilitations Services and Telehealth visits. DHCS seeks an amendment effective date of April 1, 2025.

The waiver amendment proposes ALW changes that clarify the requirements and expectations of providers and care coordination agencies implementing Residential Habilitation Services. This includes specifications for requirements in documentation, provision of direct care, and eligibility to receive the service. The amendment also includes clear guidance regarding telehealth visits and includes requirements such as when telehealth would not be appropriate, and/or when on-site case management would be required.

The Tribal no-notice was approved on February 19, 2025, for this waiver amendment. Included in this submission are the subsection Additional Information Needed, and Appendices C, D, and G. This is a non-substantive technical amendment and there will be no Public Notice for this amendment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Joseph Billingsley, Integrated Systems of Care Acting Deputy Director, at (916) 713-8309 or by email at Joseph.Billingsley@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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