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January 17, 2025

Tyler Sadwith, State Medicaid Director  
California Department of Health Care Services  
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RE: CA 0139.R06.06 and CA 0141.R07.01 Appendix K Amendments

Dear Director Sadwith:

We are sending this amended approval letter to reflect an updated end date for the Appendix K approved on January 16, 2025. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving California's request to amend the Home and Community-Based Alternative (HCBA) and the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers to add an Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in response to the Palisades Fire. The CMS Control Number for the amendments are CA.0139.R06.06 and CA.0141.R07.01. Please use these numbers in future correspondence relevant to these waiver actions.

Effective January 7, 2025 through January 7, 2026, these amendments add an Appendix K to the waivers to allow the state to temporarily allow authorized direct care waiver services 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, to continue to protect the health and safety of waiver participants during emergency evacuations. The expanded settings authorized under this amendment apply to waiver participants impacted by the Palisades Fire in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

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) 767-2506.

Sincerely,

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