



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 Californians with Developmental Disabilities 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver in order to add Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix Ks in response to multiple natural disasters. 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 0336.R05.37 (Imperial County flooding): Effective from September 27, 2025, to October 27, 2025
- CA 0336.R05.38 (Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz Counties flooding): Effective from November 13, 2025, to December 14, 2025
- CA 0336.R05.39 (Mendocino, Sonoma, and Ventura Counties flooding): Effective from December 16, 2025, to January 26, 2026
- CA 0336.R05.40 (Sonoma County flooding): Effective from December 31, 2025, to February 4, 2026
- CA 0336.R05.41 (Arcata Fire): Effective from January 2, 2026, to February 2, 2026

These amendments add an Appendix K to the waiver 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,

Enclosure

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