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Dear Ms. Cooper:

We are writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving California's request to amend the following 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:

WAIVER TITLE	CMS AMENDMENT CONTROL NUMBER
HCBS Waiver for Californians with Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD)	CA.0336.R04.19

The state's approved Appendix K is effective March 1, 2020 through six months after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. The amendment that the state has requested in the Appendix K is additive to those previously approved; it applies in all locations served by the individual waivers for anyone impacted by COVID-19. CMS acknowledges the rates increases identified within the Appendix K are effective January 1, 2022, and terminate on the effective date of the rate changes in waiver amendment CA.0336.R04.18, currently under CMS review.

CMS reminds the state that the state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Approval of this action does not constitute approval of the state's spending plan.

We have included the approved Appendix K pages with this correspondence. Please utilize the waiver management system for the HCBS waivers for any further amendments to these waiver programs other than the Appendix K.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Daphne Hicks of my staff at 214-767-6471 or by e-mail at Daphne.Hicks@cms.hhs.gov or Marge Sciulli at 410-786-0691 or by e-mail at Margherita.Sciulli@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,
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