



Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dear Ms. Kent and Ms. Cantwell:

In response to the August 30, 2017 request from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a 90-day temporary extension for California's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver for individuals with developmental disabilities, which is currently scheduled to expire September 24, 2017. The extension allows the HCBS Waiver for Californians with Developmental Disabilities (CMS control number 0336.R03) to continue operating through December 23, 2017, at cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the waiver program with Federal financial participation.

As authorized by regulations at 42 CFR §441.304(c), CMS is granting this temporary extension in order to provide additional time for the state to address and formally respond to CMS' questions in the formal request for additional information letter that CMS sent to the state on March 17, 2017, and make necessary revisions to the state's renewal application for this waiver. CMS expects the state to respond and resubmit the waiver renewal application by September 29, 2017.

If you have any questions about this temporary extension or need any assistance, feel free to contact Adrienne Hall in the San Francisco Regional Office at (415) 744-3674 or by email at Adrienne.Hall@cms.hhs.gov. You may also contact Deanna Clark in CMS Central Office at (410) 786-4697 or by email at Deanna.Clark@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Alissa Mooney DeBoy', is positioned above the typed name and title.

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