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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

June 28, 2021

Jacey Cooper State Medicaid Director Department of Health Care Services 1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 0000 P.O. Box 997413 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Dear Ms. Cooper:

In response to the June 9, 2021 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 1915(c) waiver for individuals with developmental disabilities. This waiver is currently scheduled to expire on June 30, 2021. This temporary extension allows the California Self-Determination Program Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (CMS control number CA 1166.R00) to continue operating through September 28, 2021, at cost and utilization levels approved for the third 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 the state with additional time to respond to the CMS request for additional information (RAI) and make revisions that are necessary for CMS approval of the state's renewal application for this waiver. CMS expects the state to respond and resubmit the revised waiver renewal application during this temporary extension period.

If you have any questions about this temporary extension or need any assistance, please contact Alice Hogan at (404) 562-7432 or <u>Alice.Hogan@cms.hhs.gov</u>. You may also contact Deanna Clark at (410) 786-4697 or <u>Deanna.Clark@cms.hhs.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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