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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

September 22, 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 September 16, 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, which is currently scheduled to expire on September 28, 2021. This additional temporary extension allows the California Self-Determination Program Waiver (CMS control number CA 1166.R00) to continue operating through December 27, 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 to provide the state with additional time to respond to the CMS formal request for additional information (RAI) and resubmit a revised waiver renewal application. During this temporary extension period, CMS also expects for the state to address any CMS comments resulting from its review of the waiver renewal application. Please update CMS on the progress for resubmission of the state's waiver renewal application as soon as possible.

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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