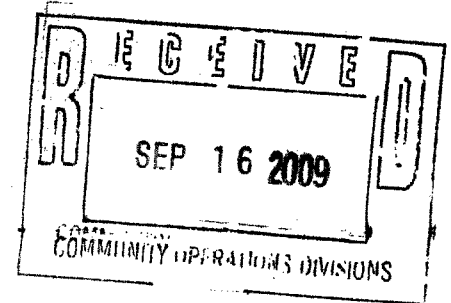




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Dear Mr. Douglas:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to amend the State of California's Section 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities has been approved. This amendment has been assigned the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Control Number 0336.R2.00.

CMS approves the amendment with an effective date of July 1, 2009. You requested this waiver amendment to add the option of vouchers for transportation services, provide a new option for "day habilitation" services, increase the care that can be provided by respite care agencies, and eliminate duplication in the quality assurance process.

We appreciate the updates you provided to your cost projections using 2006/2007 data gleaned from the CMS 372 Reports. The following reflects what has been approved for the remaining approved years of the waiver:

<u>Waiver Year</u>	<u>Unduplicated Participants</u>	<u>Factor D</u>	<u>Factor G</u>
3	85,000	\$24,587	\$61,917
4	90,000	\$24,881	\$56,666
5	95,000	\$24,453	\$53,918

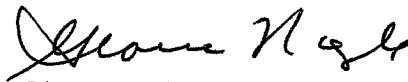
We note that the State is being granted permission to reduce the scope of quality management activities performed by the Regional Centers since these activities duplicate program monitoring activities conducted by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) through the Collaborative Review process. CMS will, during the course of the waiver renewal period, carefully monitor State quality management activities and findings to assure that this program remains in compliance with Medicaid HCBS waiver assurances including accurate and timely level of care determinations, development and implementation of appropriate

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individual plans of care, and documentation of participant health and welfare. We look forward to working with DHCS and DDS on the next renewal of the waiver at which time it will be migrated into the Web-based application format.

We appreciate the cooperation and effort provided by you and your staff during the amendment review process. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Spector of my staff at (415) 744-3592 or via email at Richard.Spector@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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