

APPENDIX 1: FEDERAL WAIVER OPTIONS

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Waivers	1915 (b) Freedom of Choice Waivers	1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waivers	115 Research and Demonstration Waivers
Federal Requirements Waived	Statewide. Compatibility of services. Choice of providers.	Statewide. Compatibility of services. Income and resource standards.	Broad scope of Medicaid rules.
Approval Process	From federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with strict review timeline.	From federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with strict review timeline.	From US DHHS with no specific review timeline.
Time Period	Two years for initial waiver. Two-year extensions.	Three years for initial waiver. Five-year extensions.	Five years for initial waiver. Three-year extensions for statewide programs. One-year extensions for other programs.
Examples of Use	Managed care.	Alternatives to institutional care for elderly and disabled.	Expansion of eligibility cap. Managed care.

Current California 1115 Demonstration Project Waivers

Title	Description	Waiver Capacity by Waiver Year	Waiver Term	Expiration Date	Waiver Currently Operating Under an Extension?
Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment Program (Family PACT)	Allows federal reimbursement for reproductive health services for medically indigent females and males.	No cap	12/1/99-11/30/04	Currently on month-to-month approved CMS extension	Yes
In-Home Supportive Services Plus (IHSS Plus)	Provides aged, blind, and disabled individuals an array of self-directed personal care assistance and delivery options that are not available under the Personal Care Services Programs. This Independence Plus waiver enables recipients to remain in their own home or family home.	No cap	8/1/04-7/31/09	7/31/09	No

Current California 1915(b) Freedom of Choice Waivers

Title	Description	Waiver Capacity by Waiver Year	Waiver Term	Expiration Date	Waiver Currently Operating Under an Extension?
California Children Services/ Dental Managed Care (CCS/Dental)	Combines the prior Two Plan Model and Geographic Managed Care waivers to provide medical managed care services to children who meet the eligibility requirements of the CCS program or, for all adults and children that are eligible for enrollment in a Dental Managed Care plan. Enrollment is mandatory for TANF linked Medi-Cal beneficiaries, unless medically exempt.	No cap	10/1/07-9/30/09	9/30/09	No
County Organized Health Systems Health Insuring Organizations of California	Authorizes county operated managed health care programs in Orange, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Solano, Napa, and Yolo Counties. This waiver includes CalOPTIMA, CCAH, and Partnership Health Plan of California Enrollment is mandatory for all covered aid codes.	No cap	7/1/07-6/30/09	7/31/09	No

Current California 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waivers (HCBS)

Title	Description	Waiver Capacity by Waiver Year	Waiver Term	Expiration Date	Waiver Currently Operating Under an Extension?
Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for the Developmentally Disabled	Provides home and community-based services to Regional Center consumers with disabilities, enabling them to live in the community rather than in an intermediate care facility.	85,000-WY 08/09 90,000-WY 09/10 95,000-WY 10/11	10/1/06-9/30/11	9/30/11	No

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