



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
**Department of Health Services**



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TO: Community Clinics  
Free Clinics  
Surgical Clinics  
Chronic Dialysis Clinics  
Rehabilitation Clinics  
Alternative Birthing Centers

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION REGARDING LICENSURE OF EXEMPT CLINICS

Licensing and Certification (L&C) will immediately discontinue the practice of issuing licenses to Primary Care and Specialty Clinics that are exempt from licensure per Health and Safety Code (H&S) 1206 (a) through (p) – See Attachment.

L&C has no authority to license such entities as listed in H&S code. In addition L&C will not be surveying or inspecting any exempt clinics for compliance with licensure standards effective immediately. The only jurisdiction that L&C has concerning these clinics is their exemption status.

For those exempt clinics that have already been issued licenses prior to this notice, this will be the last license issued by L&C. Impacted facilities have been identified and will receive an additional notification from the Department.

Should you have any questions pertaining to this issue, please contact Lisa Hall of the Centralized Application Unit at (916) 552-8666.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed by Kathleen Billingsley, R.N.**

Kathleen Billingsley, R.N.  
Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: District Office Managers and Administrators