



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



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TO: Licensees  
Home Medical Device Retailers  
Home Medical Device Retailers Out-of-State  
Home Medical Device Retailers Warehouse  
Home Medical Device Retailers Exemptee

FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE September 1, 2020

Effective July 1, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Food and Drug Branch (FDB) is scheduled to increase licensing fees by five percent pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code (H&SC) Section 111656.1 authorizing CDPH to establish and adjust licensing fees to cover the estimated program costs.

At the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), our top priority is promoting the safety and well-being of Californians, which includes our regulated partners. We understand the spread of the COVID-19 virus may have had an adverse economic impact on companies regulated by CDPH Food and Drug Branch (FDB). FDB wants to assure you that we are committed to being responsive to your needs as the situation evolves.

Therefore, FDB is taking measures to support small businesses in California who are experiencing a slowdown as a result of COVID-19. As part of this effort, FDB will defer the above licensing fee increases for 60 days. The new five percent licensing fee increase will take effect on September 1, 2020.

The rate increase for the new fees was determined by CDPH working closely with the California Department of Finance (DOF), and will allow the fund to remain solvent and cover the costs of program operations for the next fiscal year. CDPH will continue to work closely with DOF to re-evaluate in future years. The report to the legislature describing the activities supported by the Drug and Device Safety Fund and estimated program costs can be found at the Food and Drug Branch's website under Publications and Reports: [2020 Drug and Device Fund Report](#).



The table below shows current fees and the new fees that will be included in all billing notices for payments on or after September 1, 2020.

<b>License Type</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>New Fee</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Home Medical Device Retailer (HMDR) – New and Renewal	\$1,304	\$1,369	Annual
HMDR Out of State – New and Renewal	\$230	\$242	Annual
HMDR Warehouse – New and Renewal	\$653	\$686	Annual
HMDR Exemptee – New Application Fee	\$384	\$403	One-time
HMDR Exemptee – Renewal	\$230	\$242	Annual

If you have questions concerning the new fee schedule, please contact:

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