

Temporary Permission for Program Flexibility and for Emergencies

When the Medical Health Coordination Center (MHCC) is activated, Providers and District Offices (DOs) will submit requests to CHCQDutyOfficer@cdph.ca.gov

This form is to be used ONLY for program flexibility requests when providers temporarily need to comply with licensing requirements by using alternative concepts, methods, procedures, techniques, equipment, or personnel.

Providers are required to submit a program flexibility request to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Center for Health Care Quality for approval. This form is a mechanism to expedite the request directly to the Medical Health Coordination Center (MHCC) for approval in emergency situations.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/DistrictOffices.aspx>

Facility Name Camellia Gardens Care Center			Date of Request 07/01/2020	
License Number 056316		Facility Phone 626 798 6777	Facility Fax Number 626 798 7742	
Facility Address 1920 N. Fair Oaks Ave			E-Mail Address [REDACTED]melliagardenscc.com	
City Pasadena	State CA	Zip Code 91103		
Contact Person's Name [REDACTED]				

Approval Request

Complete one form total per facility

- Staffing Other
- Tent use (High patient volume) Bed Use
- Space Conversion (other than tent use) Over bedding

Duration of Request

Start Date **July 1, 2020**
 End Date **September 30, 2020**

Program Flex Request

What regulation are you requesting program flexibility for? **HSC section 1276.65 (C)(1)(B) and C; T**

Title 22 CCR section 72329.2(a)

Justification for the Request

- A disease outbreak (verifiable through sources such as the local emergency medical service agency (LEMSA), local Public Health Officer, CDPH Division of Communicable Disease Control, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) is present in the community where the hospital is located or in a contiguous area(s) causing a rapid influx (surge) of patients to the hospital. Examples of this type of surge include: Increased cases of seasonal influenza, onset of a severe acute respiratory syndrome-type or other highly contagious virus requiring acute care, an epidemic/pandemic, a bioterrorism agent, or a declared public health emergency.
- An emergency resulting in the need for increased patient accommodations has occurred in the community where the hospital is located or in a contiguous area(s) causing a rapid influx (surge) of patients to the hospital. Examples of this type of surge include: A natural or human-caused disaster, a crime incident or transportation accident resulting in numerous mass casualties, an emergency causing the evacuation of patients or diversions from another hospital (LEMSA diversion has been implemented).

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056316

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Justification for the Request

Other:

Covid-19 Pandemic predisposes staffing shortage

Exhausting Available Alternatives

The provider must exhaust available alternatives before requesting increased patient accommodations. Check all that apply:

- Rescheduling non-emergent surgeries and diagnostic procedures.
- Transferring patients to other beds or discharge as appropriate.
- Setting clinics for non-emergency cases (if possible).
- Requesting ambulance diversion from LEMSA, if appropriate.

Other

Adequate Staff, Equipment and Space

The provider must make arrangements for adequate staffing, equipment and space for increased patient accommodations. Check all that apply:

- A plan is in place for staff if the request is for use of alternate space.
- A plan is in place for equipment if the request is for use of alternative space.
- The proposed space for care of patients provides sufficient square footage to ensure access for safe care.

Other: A plan is in place for staffing in isolation and quarantine areas

Additional Information

Provide a brief description of your conditions and explain the need for program flexibility. Provide a brief description of the alternative concepts, methods, procedures, techniques, equipment or personnel to be used, and the conditions under which this program flexibility will be used. Attach additional supporting documentation as needed.

Due to the Covid-19 community spread being experienced and given the high case of fatality rate in the elderly, proper mitigation plan is in place at the facility which include the following:

1. The Healthcare Personnel (HCP) are screened before start of work and in case symptomatic are removed from work
2. An increased surveillance testing for Covid-19 among HCP was able to identify and confirm carriers who are placed on quarantined for at least 14 days and able to come back to work after PPHD clearance.
3. Isolated and Quarantined patients are given dedicated HCP.
4. No utilization of employees who have worked at another facility to reduce interefacility spread of Covid-19.
5. Increasing HCP call-ins and call-offs

The above conditions are contributory to the anticipated staffing shortage during this Covid-19 Pandemic.

