

Temporary Permission for Program Flexibility for Increased Patient Accommodations

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

Hospitals are required to submit a program flexibility request to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Licensing & Certification (L&C) Program through their local district office (DO) for written approval. This form is a mechanism to expedite the request and approval process in emergency situations.

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

Facility Name Kaiser Los Angeles Medical Center			Date of Request 3/13/2020	
License Number 930000077			Facility Phone 323-783-7256	Facility Fax Number 323-783-1922
Facility Address 4867 Sunset Blvd				
City Los Angeles	State CA	Zip Code 90027	E-mail Address [REDACTED]@kp.org	
Contact Person Name [REDACTED], Director Regulatory Services				

Approval Request

Duration of Request

Complete one form for each request

- Tent use (High patient volume)
- Bed use
- Space conversion (other than tent use)
- Over bedding

Start Date: 3/16/2020
End Date: 6/16/2020

Program Flex Request

What regulation are you requesting program flexibility for? 70363

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).

Justification for the Request

Other:

Exhausting Available Alternatives

The hospital 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:

Other:

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Kaiser Permanente- Los Angeles Medical	930000077	03/13/2020

Adequate Staff, Equipment and Space

The hospital 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 alternate space.
- The proposed space for care of patients provides sufficient square footage to ensure access for safe care.
- Other:

Other: space is an existing unit and is fully functional with staff, equipment, storage and access

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 utilized. Attach additional supporting documentation as needed.

Kaiser Permanete Los Angeles Medical Cneter is requesting to use the Observation Short Stay unit (32 Beds- 2North Unit) as a COVID-19 surge area to cohort PUI and positive patients. This unit is located on the 2nd floor of the main hospital near the Emergency Room. The path of travel is very short for patients addmitted via ED. We have dedicated RN's in 2N trained and competant to take care of Med/ Surg /Tele level of care. (All ICU level patients will be taked to a dedicated ICU unit). The 2N unit is fully equipped to handle these patients, with staff, equipment, supplies, meidcation, storage and access.

