

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

Kindred Hospital Paramount

Date of Request

July 14, 2020

License Number

930000088

Facility Phone

562-297-6102

Facility Fax Number

562-531-4699

Facility Address

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E-Mail Address

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City

Paramount

State

CA

Zip Code

90723

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

End Date

Program Flex Request

What regulation are you requesting program flexibility for?

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).

- If you are seeking a staffing waiver, has your facility laid off any clinical staff within the previous 60 days?
If so, please explain (**Note:** Attach supporting documentation if necessary)

No

Justification for the Request

- Other:

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:

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.

With the current COVID pandemic, Kindred Paramount is currently treating COVID positive patients within our intensive care and telemetry units. Based upon isolation status, Positive vs. PUI, and patient level of care, we are allocating additional staffing resources to ensure we maintain precautions for our patients and employees. COVID has also affected our licensed caregivers as we currently have: 6 Full Time Advanced Critical Care RNs on LOA, 3 Full Time RNs/5 FT LVNs medical surgical telemetry on LOA (1 FT Advanced and 1 FT LVN are PUI; 1 Advanced RN, 4 FT LVN, and 1 FT MS/Tele RN COVID positive). In an effort to ensure adequate staffing, we have implemented incentive pay for providers caring for COVID/ Recovery patients, utilized a structured shift bonus plan, and requested and utilized contract labor from all vendors in addition to the CA health Corps Deployment Team.

Signature of person requesting program flexibility

CEO

Title

Printed Name

NOTE: Approval for tent use, space conversion, bed use and over-bedding will be time limited and dependent on the facts presented that substantiate the emergency. Initial approval may be given verbally by the local DO; however, a signed written approval must be distributed (faxed) to the facility and filed in the facility's folder.

For CDPH Use Only

Center for Health Care Quality Approval:

Permission Granted from: 8/21/2020 to 11/21/2020

Permission Denied: Briefly describe why request was denied in comments / conditions below:

Comments / Conditions: Approved for 90 days effective 8/21/2020 based on the RN Waiver unit recommendations.

CHCQ Printed Name:

CHCQ Staff Signature: _____

Date:

L&C District Office Staff Signature

Program Manager, Nursing

Title

8/21/2020

Date