

## 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](mailto: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

LAC/Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilita

Date of Request

July 14, 2020

License Number

060000161

Facility Phone

562-385-7022

Facility Fax Number

Facility Address

7601 Imperial Highway

E-Mail Address

City

Downey

State

CA

Zip Code

90242

Contact Person's Name

### 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 07/15/20

End Date 10/15/20

### Program Flex Request

What regulation are you requesting program flexibility for? Nurse Staffing Ratio 70217

### 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 layoffs of clinical staff.

**Justification for the Request**

Other:

We are in surge due to COVID-19 and need to add additional capacity in order decompress our sister hospitals. We may need to exceed the current nurse staffing ratio as we add more capacity.

**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.

We will be adding additional beds beyond our 158 licensed beds due to the continuing increase of COVID + patients. We are increasing beds in order to decompress our sister facilities that are trauma centers for the Department of Health Services for Los Angeles County.

  
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 Signature of person requesting program flexibility

**Chief Operations Officer**  
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 Title

  
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 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:  to

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

CHCQ Printed Name:

CHCQ Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 L&C District Office Staff Signature

Title

Date