

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 Ridgeline Pediatric			Date of Request 8-24-20	
License Number 550000017			Facility Phone 530-477-3378	Facility Fax Number 530-477-7068
Facility Address 11270 Rough & Ready Hwy				
City Grass Valley	State CA	Zip Code 95945	E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
			Contact Person Name [REDACTED]	

Approval Request

Complete one form for each request

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

Start Date: 09-01-20
End Date: 12-31-20

Program Flex Request

What regulation are you requesting program flexibility for? H&S 1760.4 (A) 1760.4(A)(4)

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:

Facility Name	License Number	Request Date

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:

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.

Please see the attached document outlining the needs and process we would use to provide care in the home of a client instead of in our facility to limit the exposure and transmission of COVID-19 to clients who are high risk population.

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Signature of person requesting program flexibility

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 L&C DO; however, a signed written approval must be distributed (faxed) to the hospital and filed in the hospital's facility folder.

For CDPH Use Only:

CDPH Licensing and Certification Approval:

Permission Granted from 9/1/2020 to 12/31/2020

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

Comments / conditions: _____

 HFES 8/31/2020

Change to regulation per facility administrator -

 (AS HFES) 9/3/2020