

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

Rinaldi Convalescent Hospital

Date of Request

7/2/2020

License Number

920000057

Facility Phone

(818)360-1003

Facility Fax Number

(818)363-8913

Facility Address

16553 Rinaldi St

E-Mail Address

[Redacted]

City

Granada Hills

State

CA

Zip Code

91344

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).

Facility

Rinaldi Convalescent Hosp

License Number

920000057

Request Date

7/1/2020

Justification for the Request

Other:

Gov Newsom declared SOE on 3/4, upswing in LA county 7/1... COVID is effecting staffing

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: See below...

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: See below...

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.

Flex CCR 22 §72329; §72329.2; H&S Code §1599.1(a): Rinaldi is experiencing COVID-19 related issues that are directly impacting staffing levels, including: community spread, school closures, quarantined or scared staff. We respectfully request a waiver from the state mandated staffing ratios of 3.5/2.4; or, alternatively we request a waiver from the 2.4 CNA NHPPD requirement to allow for greater flexibility by replacing CNA hours with Licensed Nurse hours.

Measures Rinaldi has/is taking include:

1. Implementing the facility's Emergency Staffing Plan -- requesting extra hours, picking up shifts, utilizing contracted staffing agencies, etc.
2. Limiting staff who may be working at facilities to avoid cross-contamination.
3. Restricting entry to the facility and access to patients to essential personnel and regular screening of essential personnel.
4. Utilizing non-CNA's/LN's to support nursing personnel (e.g. department heads and other

