

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

Valley Vista Nursing And Transitional Care, Inc.

Date of Request

07/08/2020

License Number

920000080

Facility Phone

818-763-6275

Facility Fax Number

818-582-4013

Facility Address

6120 Vineland Ave.

E-Mail Address

Administrator@valleyvistanursing.com

City

North Hollywood

State

CA

Zip Code

91606

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 07/01/2020

End Date September 30, 2020

Program Flex Request

What regulation are you requesting program flexibility for? Title 22-section 72329.1 and 72329.2

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).

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Other:

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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.

Local school closures and restricting staff with respiratory symptoms may cause shortages of qualified direct care staff to meet the minimum staffing ratios required all other sources and measures such as registry and staff recall will be exhausted in our efforts to achieve the required staffing. We are asking that CDPH waive the requirement to meet 3.5/2.4 for the duration of this event or until we can maintain minimal staffing levels.

- . IDT and the facility medical director will communicate daily on staffing issues.
- . Communicate staffing issues with CDPH district office regarding staffing levels and follow guidance given by CDPH.
- . DON and other assigned RN will assess residents every shift for any change of condition and implement their change of condition policy as needed.
- . Social Service Director will communicate with residents frequently and bring any grievances or concerns to the IDT to address.
- . Call in any available non-direct care staff and assign them duties to assist in resident safety, dietary, hydration, and activity needs.

- . Continue to exhaust all measures to meet 3.5 and 2.4 staffing requirements
- . Notify residents and responsible party of staffing plan and changes as needed.
- . Continue ads on Indeed for CNAs, LVNs, and RNs.
- . Continue ads on Craigslist for CNAs, LVNs, and RNs.
- . Utilize corporate recruiters for open positions.
- . Increased sign on bonus effective April 2020.



 Signature of person requesting program flexibility

Administrator

 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: 7/1/2020 to 9/30/2020

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

Comments / Conditions: *Facility is to implement its mitigation plan & utilize registry (staffing agencies) prior to flex the staffing regulations. Facility must meet a NHPPD of 3.2.*

CHCQ Printed Name: _____

CHCQ Staff Signature: _____

Date: _____



 L&C District Office Staff Signature

Program Manager

 Title

7/11/2020

 Date