

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

WATSONVILLE post Acute

Date of Request

7/2/2020

License Number

070000128

Facility Phone

831-724-7505

Facility Fax Number

831-731-5830

Facility Address

525 Auto Center Drive

E-Mail Address

[REDACTED] WATSONVILLE PACO.COM

City

WATSONVILLE

State

CA

Zip Code

95076

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 8/3/2020

End Date 10/31/2020

90 DAYS FROM DATE OF APPROVAL

Program Flex Request

What regulation are you requesting program flexibility for?

TITLE 22 72329.1 & 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).

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
L & C DIVISION
SAN JOSE
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Facility

WATSONVILLE POST ACUTE

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070000128

Request Date

07/02/2020

Justification for the Request

Other:

[Empty box for justification]

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: [Empty box]

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: [Empty box]

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.

The facility failed to pass its staffing review in 2019 missing 2.4 on a number of days. We did apply and were approved for the temporary program flex waiver which ended 5-1-2020. We did apply for the traditional waiver for the 2.4. We have not received approval or disapproval as yet. Most all facilities in California have been notified. I have followed up with the RN-UNIT WAIVER @ CDPA.CA.GOV over a week ago with no follow up response. THE SAN JOSE

DISTRICT OFFICE PROVIDED ME ANOTHER CONTACT, I REACHED OUT TO THEM VIA EMAIL AND HAVE NOT HEARD BACK FROM THEM. I FEEL EXTREMELY CONFIDENT THAT OUR REQUEST WILL BE APPROVED. OUR PPD AVERAGE FOR CNA STAFFING IS IN THE 2.25 TO 2.35 RANGE. DURING THIS WAITING PERIOD I AM REQUESTING THE TEMPORARY WAIVER.

Signature of person requesting program flexibility

ADMINISTRATOR

Title

[Redacted Signature]

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: 8/3/2020 to 10/31/2020

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

Comments / Conditions:

CHCQ Printed Name: [Redacted]

CHCQ Staff Signature: [Redacted]

Date: [Redacted]

[Redacted Signature]

HFERI

8/3/2020

L&C District Office Staff Signature

Title

Date