

Incomplete Sections

❗ The following sections needs to be completed before proceeding:

- Application Screening
- Evaluation

General ✓

Facility: [UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland](#)

District: East Bay District Office

Facility Number: 140000014

Facility Type: GACH

License ID: 140000015

County Name: ALAMEDA

Address: 747 52nd Street, Oakland, CA 94609

Applicant Details:



Assigned Evaluator(s):

Assigned Consultant(s):

Program Flexibility Application 

Please do not include any patient identifying or personnel information in your application. The information in your application is considered public information and may be disclosed as part of a public records act request.

Contact Details

Please provide the applicant's direct number should the Centralized Program Flex Unit have any questions regarding your application.

Applicant Contact Number

5104283745

Duration of Request

Requested Start Date

08/01/2024

Requested End Date

07/31/2025

Specify Type of Request

Non-Emergency

- Application Required, T22 DIV5 CH1 ART2-70105(a)(8)

Effective January 1, 2023, HSC 1276 (e) and (f) references a new category for a program flexibility request, for a general acute care hospital (GACH), that allows the facility to designate a bed, or beds, in a critical care unit as requiring a lower level of care.

Is this request related to a GACH designating a bed, or beds, in a critical care unit as requiring a lower level of care?

Yes

Request Description

Requesting continued flexibility as was communicated under HSC 1276 (e). Our facility currently has a 13 bed licensed NICU space at our main campus that is currently approved as a flex medical acute care unit for babies. The space is currently licensed for NICU patients and approved for use by medical acute babies (in cribs) under FLEX-6597, with an end date of 7/31/2024. Our organization is requesting an extension of this flex as it is serving our population well.

JUSTIFICATION

Describe why program flexibility is needed.

Our facility lost the lease to our 28 medical acute care inpatient unit at an off-site hospital in June 2023. The closure of our Summit campus (28 inpatient medical acute care beds) posed a significant impact on the provision of care to our community and we were looking at ways to

mitigate this impact during the period in which our new patient tower is being constructed. The approval of FLEX-6597 allowed for us to continue providing the care needed to the community.

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT

Describe the proposed alternate method for meeting the intent of the regulation. Include the alternate concepts, methods, procedures, techniques, equipment, personnel qualifications, or the conducting of pilot projects. Include a description of the provisions for safe and adequate care so that the proposed alternative does not compromise patient care.

The space currently being flexed is actively licensed with CDPH as a NICU but is serving the medical acute babies and their families well. No changes to the physical environment were required to begin medical acute care baby occupancy. There are no requests to alternative means of compliance in terms of staffing, equipment, etc. as all will remain as it has been in their current location to this space. This flex has not adversely impacted our ability to serve the NICU population as they continue to operate in their other licensed wards on the third floor.

Additional Information

Provide any additional information as desired.

Please clarify how the basic needs of the patient shall be met including bathroom use, storage of unit supplies and equipment, shower use, acuity and type of patient that will use the area:

The acute care patients currently utilizing this space are babies and neither require toileting nor bathing facilities.

The ratio for staffing is 1:4.

The unit has a bathroom, clean storage, a dirty utility room, a RN station, a medication prep area, a patient nutrition area, is tied into the Nurse Call system, and has several handwashing stations. Please refer to the attached floor plan.

Destination: 13 bed licensed NICU space at our main campus, 4th Floor Main Hospital

CAMPUS name: Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland dba UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, 747 52nd Street, Oakland

Room 4328: E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, & E7

Room 4331: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6

From: This is a continued conversion of thirteen NICU beds existing in this space to Medical Acute care beds.

Name of off-site location: Not applicable.

Address of offsite location: Not applicable.

Previous bed station numbers at offsite location: Not applicable. Please refer to the existing bed numbers.

Please attach any supporting documentation for the request. More than one document may be uploaded here.

[BCH Oakland Wards D & E 13 Bed Capacity Floor Plan.docx](#)

Revise and Update

Add updates to the original application.

Renewal application to PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY FLEX-6597

I agree to submit this application and certify under penalty of perjury that my answers are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that:

- I understand the questions and statements on this application.
- I understand the penalties for giving false information.
- I understand that this acknowledgment has the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a written signature.
- I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the licensee.
- This application does not include any patient identifying or personnel information.

This Information provided on this form is mandatory and is necessary for waiver approval. It will be used to determine whether to approve the request for a waiver. The information in your application is considered public information and may be disclosed as part of a public records act request.

I acknowledge and agree to the above Terms of Acceptance