

Incomplete Sections

❗ The following sections needs to be completed before proceeding:

- [Evaluation](#)

General ✓

Document Name : FLEX-11994

Facility: [Kaiser Foundation Hospital-Downey](#)

District: L.A. Acute/Ancillary Unit

Facility Number: [REDACTED]

Facility Type: GACH

License ID: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

County Name: LOS ANGELES

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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

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Duration of Request

Requested Start Date

04/10/2025

Requested End Date

05/17/2026

Specify Type of Request

Non-Emergency

- **Space Conversion, T22 DIV5 CH1 ART8-70805**

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

Kaiser Foundation Hospitals - Downey Medical Center is requesting to use PICU beds 4317 and 4318 as a pediatric overflow unit. Appropriate signage will be placed on PICU rooms 4317 and 4318. The flex request is for alternate use of space due to anticipated Pediatric Surge planning for Respiratory Virus transmission including RSV prevalence in the community along with COVID-19 and influenza. Pediatric unit patients to be overflowed to PICU. Care will be managed by pediatric experienced, competent staff equipped with necessary and appropriate equipment.

JUSTIFICATION

Describe why program flexibility is needed.

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.

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.

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Additional Information

Provide any additional information as desired.

Facility is following its disaster response plan.

Current hospital census: 321

Current COVID/RSV/Other impacting the community: RSV: Peds 2, Adult 0 COVID-19: Peds 1, Adult 7

Influenza: Peds 0, Adult 4

Plan information:

1. Facility will staff according to staffing requirements in CCR Title 22 section 70217(a).

2. Infection control plan:

- Infection control procedures updated to be specific to the temporary space and directed by the infection preventionist.

- Isolation space and procedures directed by infection preventionist.

- Decontamination procedures for the space updated by the infection preventionist.

3. Space: Term: requesting through the end of respiratory virus season, 4/30/24.

- Facility will provide adequate suction, oxygen, room air equipment for each bed station.

- Facility will provide sufficient equipment and supplies to adequately care for patients, including appropriate pumps for IV use, ambu bags, and other as appropriate.

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

Standards of Care PED 1043.90 (50409_0) (1).pdf

Structural Standards - PED 1040.20 (62274_1) (1).pdf

Security Pediatrics - PED 1045.05 (68203_0) (2).pdf

Medical Center's Plan for Provision of Care - MCW 1020.00 (92406_0) (1).pdf

Pediatric Code White_ Resuscitation of the Pediatric Patient - PICU 2181.00 (62290_1) (1).pdf

DMC 04 Plan.pdf

DMC 04 Plan Peds_PICU.pdf

Revise and Update

Add updates to the original application.

(1) Unit(s) name- Pediatric Unit and PICU

(2) Type of services- Pediatrics

(3) Bed numbers propose to flex and bed number of those not flexing- PICU bed numbers 4316, 4317, 4318

(4) Double occupancy rooms or single occupancy rooms- Single occupancy rooms

(5) Space licensed or unlicensed- Licensed

(6) Space for equipment and staff, such as crash cart, nursing station, and patient bathroom access.

Yes, See attached floor plan.

(7) Provide a map of the unit(s). See floor plan

(8) Nurse to patient staff ratio plan. Pediatrics 1:4

(9) Policies and procedures, approved by governing body, describing activation/deactivation criteria, hours of operation, any inclusion or exclusion criteria, code blue procedures, pharmacy, security, and infection control processes planned for proposed flex space(s). (See attached)

- Pediatrics Standards of Care
- Pediatrics - Security
- Pediatrics Structural Standards
- Pediatric Code White: resuscitation of the Pediatric Patient
- Medical Center's Provision of Care

(10) Fire, ingress and egress, and any documentation of clearance from your local or state fire marshal. PICU is an existing unit.

(11) Please provide to us your infection control analysis and plan for your inclusion and exclusion for the use of rooms that are going to be converted.

** PLS specify room numbers in PICU that are going to be used for conversion and outline your infection control analysis and plan for your inclusion and exclusion for the use of the rooms.

There will be no room conversion. We are just asking to bed pediatric patients on PICU rather than Peds.

If rooms 4316, 4317 and/or 4318 are used, patients with flu and RSV will be placed on the same isolation precautions they would be placed in on Pediatrics or anywhere else in the facility; RSV patients will be placed on Contact Precautions and Influenza patients on Droplet precautions. Airborne isolation (AIIR) is not required for either. These transmission-based precautions do not impact other patients in any way. Staff providing care for the RSV and influenza patients are to practice scrupulous hand hygiene when caring for any other patients.

4/22/2024 - Please see the updated Hospital Map for Pediatrics and PICU areas.

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