

Medi-Cal Certification Bulletin

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COVID-19 Emergency Enrollment 1135 Waiver

This Medi-Cal Certification Bulletin provides information regarding the State Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) guidance on the Certification and Re-Certification of Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) Provider sites, pursuant to section 1135 of the Social Security Act (1135 Waiver).

DHCS has issued Information Notice (IN) 20-009 which provides guidance to counties on Medi-Cal Certification/Re-Certification requirements for SMHS Provider sites. During the approved 1135 Waiver period, DHCS has suspended the requirement for SMHS Provider sites to obtain a fire clearance and undergo an onsite review. During the 1135 Waiver period, the Certification Liaison will conduct a desk review of the Provider and submit the appropriate documentation to DHCS. Upon the conclusion of the 1135 Waiver period, the Certification Liaison will follow-up with the Provider to complete all certification requirements within the deadlines stated in IN 20-009:

- “Upon conclusion of the 1135 Waiver, the MHP will be required to submit any outstanding documentation and meet all certification requirements, including the requirement for onsite review and having a valid fire clearance.”
- “The MHP will have 180 days from the conclusion of the 1135 Waiver to conduct the onsite review and to submit any outstanding documents, including a current fire clearance.”
- “If due to unforeseen circumstances, a county is unable to meet the 180-day time frame, the county may submit a request for an extension of up to an additional 90 days.”

For clarification on this bulletin, or if you have additional questions, please contact your Service Area Certification Liaison. You can also contact the Medi-Cal Certification Team at (213) 251-6886 or qualityassurance@dmh.lacounty.gov.