



Certification Bulletin

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Medi-Cal Satellite Sites

This Bulletin is to assist in providing clarification regarding State regulations related to Satellite sites of Medi-Cal providers.

In order for a site to be Medi-Cal certified as a Satellite, the site must meet one of the two criteria outlined in the State definition of a satellite below.

State definition of a Satellite

Satellite is defined as a site that is owned, leased or operated by an organizational provider at which specialty mental health services are delivered to beneficiaries less than 20 hours per week, or, if located at a multiagency site, at which specialty mental health services are delivered by no more than two employees or contractors of the provider. Source: Please refer to State contract Number M_200607, Exhibit E, Pages 60-61.

State definition of a Multiagency Site

A location/office where more than one county department/area/program is providing services: i.e. Social Services, Probation, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Department of Health Services.

If a Satellite is located at a Multiagency Site, the State has indicated to the Certification Section that there is no specified limit on the amount of service delivery hours that can be provided by the two staff that can provide the services at the site.

Additional Requirements

Each Satellite Site is required by the State to have their own NPI number.

The State requires that each Satellite Site be fire safe. The Certification Section requires a current fire clearance to document that the Satellite site is fire safe.

The State requires an onsite visit of Satellites Sites that are located in a Juvenile Facility. Satellites in a Juvenile Hall Facility site visits are conducted by the State for County operated and by LACDMH for Contract Agencies.

The State does not specifically require onsite visits of Satellites Sites in other settings but does require oversight and monitoring of all Medi-Cal certified sites by LACDMH. The Certification Section conducts site visits for Satellites in support of this obligation.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Certification at (213) 251-6862 or QA@dmh.lacounty.gov.