

Medi-Cal Certification Bulletin

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UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 Emergency Enrollment 1135 Waiver

This Medi-Cal Certification Bulletin provides **updated** 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).

State DHCS Information Notice (IN) 20-009 provides guidance to counties on Medi-Cal Certification/Re-Certification requirements for SMHS Provider sites. During the approved 1135 Waiver period, DHCS suspended the requirement for SMHS Provider sites to obtain a fire clearance and undergo an onsite review. On June 16, 2021, IN 20-009 was updated to **rescind the suspension of the requirements effective June 30, 2021** in response to the Governor's Executive Orders N-43-20 and N-55-20. Certification Liaisons will follow-up with Providers to complete all certification requirements within the deadlines stated in the updated IN:

- “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.”

Please direct any questions regarding this bulletin to your Service Area Certification Liaison. You may also contact the Medi-Cal Certification Team at (213) 943-8274 or qualityassurance@dmh.lacounty.gov.