

Medi-Cal Certification Bulletin

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Fire Clearance Requirement

This Medi-Cal Certification Bulletin provides information on the State Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) requirements for Fire Clearances as part of the Medi-Cal Certification process of all Short-Doyle Medi-Cal, Specialty Mental Health Services Provider sites.

REQUIREMENT

Provider sites are required to have a current Fire Clearance in order to be Certified or Re-Certified by the DHCS, per CCR Title 9, Section 1810.435 (b) (2).

School Sites: In May 2019, DHCS gave new guidance regarding Fire Clearances for school sites. At this time, DHCS has made Fire Clearances optional for Providers located on public school sites.

REQUIRED ACTION:

All Providers must submit a valid and current Fire Clearance to the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Quality Assurance Division, Medi-Cal Certification Unit, as part of the Certification/Re-Certification process. A current Fire Clearance is defined by DHCS as occurring "within 1-year of the onsite review/visit" (DHCS 1735 form). Please note that the date the State utilizes to determine the 1-year period is the date the Fire Clearance was **granted**.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The date of the Fire Clearance is one of three key elements that determine the Medi-Cal Activation Date of a Provider, and is often the determining factor (*please see Bulletin 19-01, Determining the Medi-Cal Activation Date, for additional information*).

The Certification Liaison must confirm all Fire Clearances as valid documents.

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 Unit at qualityassurance@dmh.lacounty.gov.