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PIN 22-30-ASC (Supersedes PIN 22-21-ASC)

TO: ALL ADULT AND SENIOR CARE LICENSEES

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SUBJECT: END OF STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AND EXPIRATION OF COVID-19 WAIVERS

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

PIN 22-30-ASC supersedes <u>PIN 22-21-ASC</u>, dated June 29, 2022, and notifies Adult and Senior Care (ASC) licensees and Continuing Care Retirement Community providers that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is rescinding all COVID-19 waivers on February 28, 2023. In addition, this PIN advises licensees and providers that all licensing requirements will be reinstated on March 1, 2023.

Please post/keep this PIN in the facility where persons in care can easily access it and distribute the PIN to persons in care and, if applicable, their representatives.

On October 17, 2022, Governor Newsom issued <u>an announcement</u> that the COVID-19 State of Emergency (SOE) will end on February 28, 2023. As a result, any of the CDSS COVID-19 waivers issued pursuant to the SOE and the Governor's <u>Executive Order N-11-22</u> will be rescinded. Facilities operating under COVID-19 waivers will have to resume regular pre-SOE operations as all licensing requirements will be reinstated as of March 1, 2023. PIN 22-30-ASC Page Two

Rescinded COVID-19 Waivers

Remaining ASC Program COVID-19 related waivers, specified in the PINs below, are rescinded.

- <u>PIN 21-01-ASC</u> Residential Alternate Care Sites to Increase Bed Capacity Due to Anticipated Surge in COVID-19
- <u>PIN 20-37-ASC</u> Statewide Waivers for Licensing Requirements for Adult and Senior Care Facilities due to COVID-19 (*includes Buildings and Grounds/Capacity Waiver, Staffing Ratios Waiver, Staff Training Requirements Waiver, Staff Tuberculosis Testing Waiver, and Medical Assessments Waiver*)
- <u>PIN 21-24-CCLD</u> Governor's Executive Order <u>N-21-21</u> addressed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the expiration of statewide waivers in the Administrator Certification program. These waivers were to expire March 31, 2022; however, the Governor's Executive Order <u>N-11-22</u> extended the expiration through the duration of this emergency.
- <u>PIN 20-04-CCLD</u> Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency to Address Novel COVID-19 (authorizes individual COVID-19 waivers)

Requests for individual waivers and waivers for multiple facilities, as specified in <u>PIN 20-</u><u>06-ASC</u>, will continue to be available resources for licensees and providers.

Although the SOE will end in February, CDSS recognizes that COVID-19 continues to exist. California has the tools and resources needed to continue fighting COVID-19 when the SOE terminates. These tools include vaccines and boosters, testing, treatments, and other mitigation measures, such as masking, increased indoor ventilation, and infection control regulations. An important resource is the Governor's California SMARTER Plan Progress Updates October 2022.

CDSS will continue to offer guidance and assistance to licensees and providers in addressing COVID-19. Licensees and providers who need assistance in transitioning away from COVID-19 waivers are encouraged to contact their local <u>ASC Regional</u> <u>Office</u> for assistance.

As a reminder, licensees and providers must continue to follow regulations related to infection control prevention and mitigation for communicable diseases in ASC facilities, as announced in <u>PIN 22-13-ASC</u>.

Important! <u>State Public Health Officer Orders</u> released by the California Department of Public Health may remain in effect even after the SOE has ended.

Please visit the <u>Community Care Licensing Division homepage</u> for COVID-19 PINs and related resources.

For additional information, please contact your local <u>ASC Regional Office</u>.