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PIN 23-06-CCLD

TO: ALL COMMUNITY CARE LICENSEES AND PROVIDERS

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SUBJECT: **GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO SUPPORT STORM RESPONSE AND RELIEF EFFORTS, AND AUTHORITY TO WAIVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

PIN 23-06-CCLD provides notification of the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency to support storm response and relief efforts in specified counties and grants the Director of the Department authority to waive licensing requirements to directly respond to the needs of impacted licensees and providers.

In March 2023, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency to support storm response and relief efforts in specified counties in California impacted by a series of severe winter storms. The following are links to the Proclamations and counties identified in each Proclamation:

- [Proclamation of a State of Emergency \(March 1, 2023\)](#) – Amador, Kern, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Sierra, Sonoma, and Tulare Counties.
- [Proclamation of a State of Emergency \(March 8, 2023\)](#) – Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Lake, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Yuba counties.
- [Proclamation of a State of Emergency \(March 12, 2023\)](#) – Calaveras, Del

Norte, Glenn, Kings, San Benito, and San Joaquin counties.

- [Proclamation of a State of Emergency \(March 14, 2023\)](#) – Alpine, Orange and Trinity Counties.

The March 12, 2023 Proclamation of a State of Emergency authorizes the Director of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to respond to the needs of impacted adult and senior care facilities, child day care facilities, children’s residential facilities, resource family homes, home care organizations, and similar care facilities and care providers within CDSS’ jurisdiction, allowing waivers for any provisions of the:

- Family Code;
- Health and Safety Code;
- Welfare and Institutions Code; and
- Accompanying regulations or written directives.

The waivers shall be allowed in the counties identified in the Proclamations, and may be granted with respect to the use, licensing, certification, registration or approval of care providers, facilities, or homes within CDSS jurisdiction.

Note: Please check the [Governor’s webpage](#) for updated information on additional Proclamations of a State of Emergency for any additional counties.

Individual waivers requested pursuant to the Proclamations of a State of Emergency will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and if granted, will be posted on the [Department’s website](#). CDSS may also issue statewide waivers as the Director deems necessary to respond to the needs of impacted facilities and homes. Statewide waivers will be announced in Provider Information Notices (PINs) and posted on the [Department’s website](#).

Any waivers granted shall be in effect only so long as necessary to address the direct impacts of the storms, and in the counties, identified in the Proclamations. Once a waiver expires or is terminated, all licensing requirements covered by the waiver are reinstated immediately.

Types of waivers that may be granted include, but are not be limited to:

- building and grounds requirements;
- personnel requirements;
- limitations on the license, including limiting admission or capacity during a time period following severe winter storms;
- administrator certification training vendor requirements;
- alternate programs, services, procedures, equipment, or space;
- provisions necessary to ensure the ability to continue providing services with a conditional or provisional license;
- admission requirements; and,

- payment of fees.

A request for an individual waiver should be in writing and include sufficient information and supporting documentation to support the request. Examples may include local evacuation orders, notices of road closure, photos of damage to the facility, communications from the power company, or insurance claim paperwork. The request should explain how the facility or home was impacted by the severe winter storms, how the waiver will be carried out to provide for safe and adequate services, and how it will not be detrimental to the health and safety of persons in care. If you would like to request a waiver pursuant to the Proclamations, please contact your local Regional Office or other designated CDSS program contact:

- [Adult and Senior Care Regional Offices](#)
- [Child Care Regional Offices](#)
- [Children's Residential Regional Offices](#)
- [Continuing Care Contracts Bureau](#)
- [Home Care Services Bureau](#)

You will be notified in writing if your request for a waiver is granted. Once a waiver expires or is terminated, all licensing requirements covered by the waiver are reinstated immediately.

It is important to remain vigilant and listen to emergency officials as California continues to face severe winter weather. Please continue to monitor the [Community Care Licensing Division homepage](#) for information related to severe winter storms. [PIN 22-02-CCLD](#) provides information on the Everbridge Emergency Notification System and how it will continue to be used to notify licensees in advance of, or during, disasters such as wildfires and Public Safety Power Shutoffs. Additionally, Everbridge may be used to notify licensees when other types of disasters occur, such as, but not limited to, earthquakes and flash floods.

If you have questions regarding this PIN, please contact your local Regional Office, the Continuing Care Contracts Bureau, or the Home Care Services Bureau, as applicable.