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PIN 21-39.1-ASC  
**(Supersedes PIN 21-39-ASC)**

TO: ALL ADULT AND SENIOR CARE LICENSEES  
ALL CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

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SUBJECT: **GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-21-21 REGARDING  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AND THE EXPIRATION  
OF COVID-19 WAIVERS**

**Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary**

PIN 21-39.1-ASC supersedes PIN 21-39-ASC, dated August 25, 2021, and notifies Adult and Senior Care (ASC) licensees and Continuing Care Retirement Community providers that pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-21-21, dated November 10, 2021, authority for COVID-19 related waivers was extended and the waivers will expire no later than March 31, 2022, or earlier as determined by California Department of Social Services (CDSS).

***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.***

In response to a potential new surge in COVID-19 cases and the approaching flu season in California, on November 10, 2021, Governor Newsom issued [Executive Order N-21-21](#), which extends the CDSS' waiver authority issued pursuant to the Governor's March 4, 2020, Proclamation of a State of Emergency, and permits facilities operating under existing CDSS COVID-19 waivers to continue operating

pursuant to such waivers through the expiration date set forth by CDSS, or March 31, 2022, whichever occurs first.

**Important!** Executive Order N-21-21 extends CDSS' authority regarding COVID-19 waivers, which was set to expire on December 31, 2021 as specified in [Executive Order N-12-21](#).

All ASC Program COVID-19 related waivers, specified in the PINs below, will expire no later than March 31, 2022 (unless extended by the Governor):

- [PIN 21-40-ASC](#) – Updated Statewide Visitation Waiver, and Testing and Vaccination Verification Guidance for Visitors Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- [PIN 21-01-ASC](#) – Residential Alternate Care Sites to Increase Bed Capacity Due to Anticipated Surge in COVID-19 (*Note: Authorizes waivers to be issued as needed*)
- [PIN 20-37-ASC](#) – 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*)
- [PIN 20-16-ASC-CCR](#) – Waiver of Advance Notice Requirements and Information on Federal Small Business Lending for COVID-19 Crisis
- [PIN 20-25-CCLD](#) – Staffing Augmentation Related to COVID-19 Surge in Facility Incidence
- [PIN 20-14-CCLD](#) – Guidance for Sanitizing Laundry and a Limited Waiver of Hot Water Temperature Limits in Care Facilities
- [PIN 20-04-CCLD](#) – Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency to Address Novel COVID-19 (*authorizes individual COVID-19 waivers*)

**Note:** Additional guidance regarding waivers for the Administrator Certification Program, which have varying expiration dates depending on the waiver, will be forthcoming.

Once the waivers expire or are rescinded by CDSS, all licensing requirements specific to the waiver shall be reinstated. Therefore, between now and March 31, 2022, the ASC Program will actively work with licensees and providers to adjust and transition facility operations prior to the expiration of CDSS' waiver authority. As a reminder, requests for individual waivers and waivers for multiple facilities as specified in [PIN 20-06-ASC](#) will continue to be available resources for licensees and providers beyond the expiration of COVID-19-related waivers.

Please visit the [Community Care Licensing Division homepage](#) for all COVID-19 PINs and related resources.

For additional information, please contact your local [ASC Regional Office](#).