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TO: ALL ADULT AND SENIOR CARE LICENSEES

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SUBJECT: **WAIVERS DUE TO WILDFIRES IN LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES**

PROVIDER INFORMATION NOTICE (PIN) SUMMARY

PIN 25-01-ASC provides notification of the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency in response to the wildfires in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and announces blanket waivers for medical assessments, building and grounds/capacity waivers and personnel requirements for impacted Adult and Senior Care (ASC) licensees and provides additional information about other waiver requests/waiver requests for multiple facilities.

Please post/keep this PIN in the facility where all persons in care and facility staff as well as families and representatives of persons in care in the facility can easily access it and distribute the PIN to persons in care and/or, if applicable, their representatives.

The January 7, 2025, Proclamation of a State of Emergency ([Executive Order N-2-25](#)) authorizes the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to respond to the needs of impacted adult and senior care facilities in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties due to the wildfires and windstorm conditions. CDSS is announcing waivers for licensees whose buildings have been damaged or destroyed as a result of the wildfires and facilities expanding care to serve individuals impacted by the disaster. Waivers are granted with respect to the use, licensing, certification, registration or approval of care providers, facilities, organizations, or homes within CDSS jurisdiction.

Note: Please check the [Governor's webpage](#) for the most current information and any future Proclamations of a State of Emergency. The California Office of Emergency Services [Open State of Emergency Proclamations](#) also contains information for other related Executive Orders.

BLANKET WAIVER OF LICENSING STANDARDS FOR IMPACTED FACILITIES

CDSS is announcing blanket waivers for certain licensing requirements, as specified below, without the need for licensees to make an individual request, and subject to the [Terms and Conditions for Waivers](#) as set forth in this PIN. The waivers are applicable to impacted facilities noted in [Executive Order N-2-25](#).

Medical Assessment

Licensees may waive specified medical assessment requirements to enable a person's acceptance to an adult and senior care facility if as a result of the wildfires there is difficulty obtaining documentation of a medical assessment as required pursuant to the applicable sections of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, sections [80069](#), [81069](#), [82069](#), [87458](#), and [87894](#) or Needs and Services Plan as required by CCR, Title 22, section [82068.2](#). Documentation of a medical assessment or Needs and Services Plan will be required as soon as possible, but no later than 90 days following the end of the emergency.

Building and Grounds/Capacity Waiver

Licensees may waive buildings and grounds requirements related to capacity or bedroom sharing to the extent there is an immediate need for placement at another facility for individuals that have been displaced, as long as the health and safety of persons in care is not compromised.

Personnel Requirements

Licensees may waive personnel training, experience, and education requirements to enable new staff, not including a certified administrator or facility manager, to start caregiving immediately. New staff shall be trained on the specific tasks they will be performing prior to performing those tasks; shall not be left unsupervised until fully trained while persons in care are present in the facility; and shall not be designated as a substitute for the administrator or facility manager. Initial training requirements shall be met within 30 days of starting employment and copies of all training shall be kept in the employee's file.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BLANKET WAIVERS

Licensees shall continue to comply with standards that have not been waived in this PIN or pursuant to a different individual waiver or exception granted by CDSS. Any approved and pending waiver requests for any of the waiver provisions above shall continue to be in force but shall be replaced by this PIN.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF BLANKET WAIVERS FOR IMPACTED FACILITIES

The blanket waivers specified in this PIN shall be in effect only so long as necessary to address the direct impacts of the wildfires, and in the counties identified in the Proclamation of the State of Emergency, [Executive Order N-2-25](#). Waivers shall expire upon the termination of the Proclamation, unless otherwise specified by CDSS. Once a waiver specified in this PIN expires or is terminated, all licensing requirements covered by the waiver are reinstated immediately, or as otherwise specified.

OTHER WAIVER REQUESTS

As a result of the proclaimed State of Emergency, the Department is also authorized to allow waivers for any provisions of the Family Code, Health and Safety Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code, and accompanying regulations or written directives with respect to the use, licensing, certification, registration or approval of care providers, facilities or homes within the jurisdiction of CDSS. For waiver or exceptions specific to a facility that is not covered in the blanket waivers described above, please see the following:

Individual Waiver or Exception Request

Licensees may continue to request individual waivers or exceptions to use alternative methods to meet requirements, as specified in CCR, Title 22, sections [80024](#), [81024](#), [82024](#), [87209](#) and [87824](#) and [Executive Order N-2-25](#).

WAIVER REQUESTS FOR MULTIPLE FACILITIES.

Licensees may request a waiver for multiple facilities owned by the same licensee to use alternative methods to meet requirements as authorized in applicable regulations and [Executive Order N-2-25](#). Please see [PIN 20-06-ASC](#) for guidance regarding this process.

RESOURCES

For CCLD updates regarding the fires, visit the [CCLD Disaster Response Homepage](#).

If you have any questions, please contact your local [Adult and Senior Care Regional Office](#).