

License and Certification Reference Guide

OVERSIGHT STATE AGENCY		ACRONYMS	
 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS)	 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH)	1. AOD: Alcohol and Other Drugs 2. ASAM: American Society of Addiction Medicine 3. CARF: Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities 4. CMHC: Community Mental Health Clinic 5. CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 6. COA: The Council on Accreditation 7. DEA: Drug Enforcement Administration 8. HCAI: Department of Health Care Access and Information 9. IMS: Incidental medical services	10. JC: The Joint Commission 11. LOC: Level of care 12. LPS: Lanterman-Petris Short 13. NTP: Narcotic Treatment Program 14. OBOT: Office-Based Opioid Treatment 15. SAMHSA: Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration 16. SNF/STP: Skilled Nursing Facility with Special Treatment Program 17. STRTP: Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program 18. SUD: Substance Use Disorder
 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS)	 OTHER FACILITY TYPES (NOT LICENSED BY STATE AGENCIES LISTED ABOVE)²		

MENTAL HEALTH ELIGIBLE FACILITIES ↓^A₂

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RESIDENTIAL ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL 24-hour inpatient care for individuals with mental health disorders. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ CDPH LICENSE ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION ✓ HCAI APPROVAL VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION DHCS LPS (S150) DESIGNATION	OUTPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH URGENT CARE/ MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE Walk-in center providing services less than 24-hours. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: N/A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: N/A	RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN’S CRISIS RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM Alternative to psychiatric hospitalization to serve children. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ CDSS LICENSE ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION ✓ DHCS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CERTIFICATION ✓ STRTP MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM APPROVAL ✓ DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION ✓ ACCREDITATION FROM COA, CARF OR JC VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION	OUTPATIENT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC⁴ (OUTPATIENT) 24-hour-a-day emergency care services, day treatment or other partial hospitalization services, or psychosocial rehabilitation services. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ CMS CERTIFICATION FROM CDPH VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: N/A	RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY TREATMENT FACILITY Categorized as a Group Home by CDSS. Residential facility providing mental health treatment to children. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ CDSS LICENSE ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION ✓ DHCS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CERTIFICATION ✓ ACCREDITATION FROM COA, CARF OR JC VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: N/A
RESIDENTIAL CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT Facility with service that lasts less than 24 hours for condition that requires a more timely response than a regular visit. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS LPS (S150) DESIGNATION	RESIDENTIAL GENERAL ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ONLY 24-hour inpatient care that provides basic medical services. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ CDPH LICENSE ✓ HCAI APPROVAL VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION DHCS LPS (S150) DESIGNATION	RESIDENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION CENTERS 24-hour program providing intensive support and rehab services to assist persons 18 and older. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ DHCS LICENSE ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS LPS (S150) DESIGNATION DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION DHCS LOC OR ASAM DESIGNATION	OUTPATIENT PEER RESPITE Short-term program, usually overnight, providing nonclinical support to individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing a psychiatric crisis. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: N/A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: N/A	RESIDENTIAL PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY 24-hour inpatient care for individuals with mental health disorders. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ DHCS LICENSE ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION DHCS LPS (S150) DESIGNATION DHCS LOC OR ASAM DESIGNATION DHCS SPECIAL PERMIT FOR STRUCTURED OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS
RESIDENTIAL PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY Inpatient psychiatric services to individuals under age 21 in a non-hospital setting. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ DHCS LICENSE ✓ ACCREDITATION FROM COA, CARF OR JC ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION ✓ CMS CERTIFICATION FROM CDPH VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION DHCS LPS (S150) DESIGNATION DHCS LOC OR ASAM DESIGNATION	RESIDENTIAL SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM 24-hour care providing intensive care to children. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ CDSS LICENSE ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION ✓ ACCREDITATION FROM COA, CARF OR JC ✓ DHCS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CERTIFICATION ✓ STRTP MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM APPROVAL VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION	RESIDENTIAL SKILLED NURSING FACILITY WITH SPECIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM 24-hour inpatient care providing continuous supportive care with mental health services for patients with chronic psychiatric impairment and whose adaptive functioning is moderately impaired. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ CDPH LICENSE ✓ DHCS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CERTIFICATION ✓ HCAI APPROVAL VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS LPS (S150) DESIGNATION DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION	RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL REHABILITATION FACILITY⁵ 24-hour non-medical care to adults recovering from a mental illness who temporarily need assistance. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ CDSS LICENSE ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION ✓ DHCS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CERTIFICATE VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: N/A	

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) ELIGIBLE FACILITIES ↓^A₂

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RESIDENTIAL ADOLESCENT RESIDENTIAL SUD TREATMENT FACILITY Categorized as a children's residential group home by CDSS. 24-hour care and supervision to children. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ CDSS LICENSE ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION ✓ ACCREDITATION FROM COA, CARF OR JC VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION DHCS IMS	RESIDENTIAL ADULT RESIDENTIAL SUD TREATMENT FACILITY 24-hour non-medical alcohol or drug abuse recovery or treatment services. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ DHCS LICENSE ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION ✓ DHCS LOC OR ASAM DESIGNATION VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION DHCS IMS	RESIDENTIAL CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY RECOVERY HOSPITAL 24-hour inpatient care for patients with alcohol or other drugs. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ CDPH LICENSE ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION DHCS LPS (S150) DESIGNATION	OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL-BASED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (OUTPATIENT DETOXIFICATION/ WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT) Categorized as outpatient treatment for SUD by DHCS. Nonresidential service delivered in a variety of settings in which staff provide treatment for substance related, addictive, and co-occurring disorders. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION	OUTPATIENT NARCOTIC TREATMENT PROGRAMS Opioid addiction treatment program offering evaluation, treatment, and other services in conjunction with medication-assisted treatment. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ DHCS LICENSE ✓ SAMHSA OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM CERTIFICATION ✓ DEA REGISTRATION ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION
OUTPATIENT NARCOTIC TREATMENT PROGRAM MEDICATION UNIT Established as part of, but geographically separate from, a Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTP) – dispense or administer treatment or collect samples. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ DHCS LICENSE ✓ SAMHSA OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM CERTIFICATION ✓ DEA REGISTRATION ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION	OUTPATIENT OFFICE-BASED OPIOID TREATMENT Outpatient treatment services provided outside licensed opioid treatment programs by clinicians to patients with addiction involving opioid use. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: N/A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: N/A	OUTPATIENT OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR SUD Nonresidential service delivered in a variety of settings in which staff provide professionally directed evaluation in treatment of substance-related, addictive, and co-occurring disorders. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION	OUTPATIENT PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAM⁶ Clinically intensive program designed to address the treatment needs of people with severe SUD and consists of a minimum of 20 hours of clinically intensive programming per week. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: N/A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION	RESIDENTIAL PERINATAL RESIDENTIAL SUD FACILITIES Categorized as adult residential SUD treatment facility by DHCS. Non-institutional, non-medical, residential program that provides rehabilitation services to pregnant and postpartum people with SUD diagnosis. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ DHCS LICENSE ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION ✓ DHCS LOC OR ASAM DESIGNATION VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION
OUTPATIENT SOBERING CENTER⁷ (FUNDED UNDER COMMUNITY SUPPORTS) A supportive alternative destination for persons found to be publicly intoxicated who would otherwise be transported to an emergency room or jail. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: ✓ CLAIM SUBMISSION DIRECTLY TO MANAGED CARE PLAN VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS: N/A	FOOTNOTES 1. In accordance with Section 5960.15 of CA Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC), grantees will be required to commit to operating services in the facility for the intended purpose for a minimum of 30 years. 2. These facility types may not require a state license but may still be subject to certification, accreditation, or other oversight mechanisms. 3. W&I Code § 5150 4. Additional type of Community Mental Health Clinic includes an Outpatient Mental Health Facility which would seek certification through the County for Medi-Cal Certification. 5. Also referred to as Social Rehabilitation Program (SRP). The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) licenses Social Rehabilitation Facilities (SRF), and DHCS provides the SRP certifications as either a Short-Term Crisis Residential Treatment Program, Transitional Residential Treatment Program, or Long-Term Residential Treatment Program. The SRP is a certification and does not exist without the SRF license. 6. Partial Hospitalization Program must meet Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 9, § 690 - Minimum Professional Staff requirements. In addition, if providing Outpatient AOD services must apply for AOD certification. 7. DHCS Community Supports Policy Guide			