ALL BHCIP ELIGIBLE FACILITIES[1]

License and Certification Reference Guide

OVERSIGHT STATE AGENCY

- CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS)
- CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH)
- CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS)
- OTHER FACILITY TYPES (NOT LICENSED BY STATE AGENCIES LISTED ABOVE)[2]

ACRONYMS

1. AOD: Alcohol and Other Drugs
2. ASAM: American Society of Addiction Medicine
3. CALMHSA: California Mental Health Services Authority
4. CARF: Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
5. CMHC: Community Mental Health Clinic
6. CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7. COA: The Council on Accreditation
8. DEA: Drug Enforcement Administration
9. HCAI: Department of Health Care Access and Information
10. IMS: Incidental medical services
11. JC: The Joint Commission
12. LOC: Level of care
13. LPS: Lanterman-Petris Short
14. NTP: Narcotic Treatment Program
15. OBOT: Office-Based Opioid Treatment
16. SAMHSA: Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration
17. SNF/STP: Skilled Nursing Facility with Special Treatment Program
18. STRTP: Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program
19. SUD: Substance Use Disorder

MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES

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INPATIENT

ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL[3]

24-hour inpatient care for individuals with mental health disorders.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ CDPH LICENSE
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]
- ✓ HCAI APPROVAL

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION · DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4] · DHCS LPS (5150[5]) 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[4]
- ✓ DHCS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CERTIFICATION
- ✓ ACCREDITATION FROM COA, CARF OR JC

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION

OUTPATIENT

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC[6]

(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

Residential facilities that provide mental health treatment services to children in a sub-acute, secured, and home-like setting.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ CDSS LICENSE
- ✓ DHCS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CERTIFICATION[7]
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]
- ✓ 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[4]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS LPS (5150) DESIGNATION

INPATIENT

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[4] · DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4] · DHCS LPS (5150) DESIGNATION · CMS CERTIFICATION FROM CDPH

RESIDENTIAL

MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION CENTERS[3]

24-hour program providing intensive support and rehab services to assist persons 18 and older.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ DHCS LICENSE
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS LPS (5150) DESIGNATION · DHCS LOC OR ASAM DESIGNATION

RESIDENTIAL

PEER RESPITE[8]

A temporary, voluntary, peer-run residential setting that operates in a homelike environment and is staffed entirely by Certified Peer Support Specialists. Guided by the Intentional Peer Support model, Peer Respite offers non-clinical support, skills development, and linkage to services. Length of stay is short-term and individualized based on member needs.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST REGISTERED THROUGH CALMHSA[9]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

N/A

INPATIENT

PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY[3]

24-hour inpatient care for individuals with mental health disorders.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ DHCS LICENSE
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS LPS (5150) DESIGNATION · DHCS SPECIAL PERMIT FOR STRUCTURED OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS

RESIDENTIAL

PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY[10]

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[4]
- ✓ CMS CERTIFICATION FROM CDPH

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS LPS (5150) DESIGNATION

RESIDENTIAL

SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM[3]

Provides 24-hour care, including specialty mental health services, mental health treatment, and supervision to children and youth.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ CDSS LICENSE
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]
- ✓ ACCREDITATION FROM COA, CARF OR JC
- ✓ DHCS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

RESIDENTIAL

SKILLED NURSING FACILITY WITH SPECIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM[3]

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 DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

RESIDENTIAL

SOCIAL REHABILITATION FACILITY[11]

24-hour non-medical care to adults recovering from a mental illness who temporarily need assistance.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ CDSS LICENSE
- ✓ DHCS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CERTIFICATION
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

N/A

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) FACILITIES

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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
- ✓ ACCREDITATION FROM COA, CARF OR JC
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]
- ✓ DHCS LOC OR ASAM DESIGNATION[12]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION · DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

RESIDENTIAL

ADULT RESIDENTIAL SUD TREATMENT FACILITY

24-hour non-medical alcohol or drug abuse recovery or treatment services.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ DHCS LICENSE
- ✓ DHCS LOC OR ASAM DESIGNATION
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION · DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4] · DHCS IMS

INPATIENT

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY RECOVERY HOSPITAL

24-hour inpatient care for patients with alcohol or other drugs.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ CDPH LICENSE
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION · DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4] · DHCS LPS (5150) 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 n which staff provide treatment for substance related, addictive, and co-occurring disorders.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

OUTPATIENT

NARCOTIC TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Opioid use disorder treatment program, which offers all of the following: evaluation, maintenance treatment and or withdrawal management treatment, and other behavioral health treatment services in conjunction with medication for opioid use disorder.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ DHCS LICENSE
- ✓ SAMHSA OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM CERTIFICATION
- ✓ DEA REGISTRATION
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

OUTPATIENT

NARCOTIC TREATMENT PROGRAM MEDICATION UNIT[13]

Established as part of, but geographically separate from, a Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTP) – dispense and/or administer controlled medication for opioid use disorder, and may provide other treatment services.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ DHCS LICENSE
- ✓ SAMHSA OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM CERTIFICATION
- ✓ DEA REGISTRATION
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

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[4]

OUTPATIENT

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAM[14]

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[4]

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 LOC OR ASAM DESIGNATION
- ✓ DHCS MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4]

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, OR PERMITS:

DHCS AOD CERTIFICATION · DHCS DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION[4] · DHCS IMS

OUTPATIENT

SOBERING CENTER[15]

(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. Guidance on the determination of whether a facility is an IMD can be found in section 4390 of the State Medicaid Manual. Contact DHCS at MHIMD@dhcs.ca.gov for additional IMD information.
4. A DHCS Medi-Cal Certification is not a requirement to obtain facility licensure from the respective oversight agency/department. However, BHCIP/Bond BHCIP awarded applicants must commit to serve Medi-Cal members and obtain a DHCS Medi-Cal Certification, if applicable.
5. W&I Code § 5150
6. Additional type of Community Mental Health Clinic includes an Outpatient Mental Health Facility which would seek certification through the County for Medi-Cal Certification. CDPH refers to this facility as a Community Mental Health Center.
7. Certification is a mandatory requirement as part of the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program.
8. Mental Health Wellness Act Peer Respite Project Outline
9. California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)
10. Licensee must obtain and maintain CMS Certification to provide Medi-Cal inpatient psychiatric services for individuals under 21 years of age.
11. 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.
12. If participating through the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) waiver as part of the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) requirement, it is required to obtain a DHCS LOC or ASAM Designation. However, if you are not a DMC-ODS provider, them you are not eligible to apply for a DHSC LOC or ASAM designation.
13. Medication Units are a brick and mortar location and do not include mobile narcotic treatment programs
14. 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.
15. DHCS Community Supports Policy Guide

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