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California Association for Adult Day Services

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Applying to be an Adult Day Services Provider in California (As of 4/19/04)

An Adult Day Services program is a daytime, community-based program designed to meet the unique needs of frail elders or other adults with physical or mental impairments by providing therapeutic activities, social and health services, meals, and supervised care in a safe community setting. *An Adult Day Services facility in California is required to obtain a license from the State of California.* There are two licensing entities, depending on the types of services to be provided to participants: Department of Health Services or Department of Social Services.

Adult Day Health Care (ADHC)

Adult Day Health Care centers (ADHC) are licensed by the California Department of Health Services (DHS), as a health care facility, and may be certified for Medi-Cal payment by the California Department of Aging (CDA).

ADHC provides medical, rehabilitative and social services to frail elderly persons and other adults with functional impairments, either physical or mental, for the purpose of preventing institutionalization. Services are customized for each person using an individual plan of care, and carried out by a team or professionals. Medi-Cal eligible persons must be pre-authorized to attend by the state.

ADHC is currently a Medi-Cal optional benefit, with a daily reimbursement rate of \$69.58 per approved day of service. However, in 2005, the ADHC benefit will no longer be an optional benefit. Instead it will be offered under a federal waiver (1915 c Home and Community Based Waiver). The transition to a waiver program will include:

- **A moratorium on new and existing applications for Medi-Cal certification, including those applicants in the so-called "pipeline"**
- **A cap on either the number of centers or number of beneficiaries that can be served in ADHC**
- **New ADHC laws and regulations**
- **Separate licensing and certification process**
- **New rate and billing structure that will involve a lower rate of payment for some providers depending on their case mix.**

This change from an optional benefit to a waiver program with a cap will take 12-24 months to complete. Given the uncertainty of the program requirements, potential ADHC providers may wish to consider delaying submission of an application until the new rules are made public, or in the interim may pursue an Adult Day Program (ADP) license from the Department of Social Services.

To pursue ADHC Licensure contact either:

**Jackie Lincer, Administrator
Orange County District Office**

Licensing and Certification Division
Department of Health Services
2150 Towne Center Place, Suite 210
Anaheim, California 92806
(714) 456-0630 or (800) 228-5234
FAX: (714) 456-0643

**Albert Quintero, Administrator
San Jose District Office**

Licensing and Certification Division
Department of Health Services
100 Paseo de San Antonio, Suite 235
San Jose, California 95113
(408) 277-1784 or (800) 554-0348
FAX: (408) 277-1032

Adult Day Program (ADP)

Adult Day Program centers are licensed by the California Department of Social Services (DSS) – Community Care Licensing Division.

These centers provide non-medical care to elderly persons and other adults with physical and/or cognitive impairments who require personal care services, protective supervision or assistance in activities of daily living on less than a 24-hour basis. Services are provided according to an individual plan of care in a structured, comprehensive program that offers therapeutic activities tailored to the individual's abilities; nutrition services; basic health monitoring; transportation coordination; and respite and support for families, (ADP centers are not reimbursed by Medi-Cal.)

The term "Adult Day Program," recently placed into California statute, combined two program types previously known as "Adult Day Care" and "Adult Day Support Center." Their respective regulations are now being blended into one for the "Adult Day Program" and should be available from the State by year end.

Prospective ADP providers are required to attend a one-day orientation conducted by the Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division before receiving an ADP application for licensure. To learn more, contact the ADP Office serving your county:

Los Angeles Tri-County Adult Care Licensing Office

TEL: (323) 980-4934 FAX: (323) 980-4912
1000 Corporate Center Dr, #500, MS 31-11, Monterey Park, CA 91754
Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Luis Obispo counties.

Sierra-Cascade Adult Care Licensing Office

TEL: (559) 243-8080 FAX: (559) 445-5097
770 E Shaw Ave, # 330, MS 29-01, Fresno, CA 93710
Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba counties.

Southern Region Adult Care Licensing Office

TEL: (714) 703-2840 FAX: (714) 703-2868
770 The City Drive, # 7100, MS 29-28, Orange, CA 92868
Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial counties.

Greater Bay Area Adult Care Licensing Office

TEL: (510) 286-4201 FAX: (510) 286-4204
360 22nd St, # 740, MS 29-21, Oakland, CA 94612
Alameda, Contra Costa, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma counties