



CBAS Updates

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AGENDA



- Recent California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Guidance for ADHCs
- Existing Flexibilities in CBAS All Center Letters (ACLs)
- 1115 "CalAIM" Waiver Approval - CBAS Emergency Remote Services (ERS)
- CBAS Provider Responses to Current State of Pandemic
- Questions & Answers

Recent CDPH Guidance for ADHCs

- **Recent guidance issued by CDPH to address the current state of the pandemic:**
 - [State Public Health Officer Order of December 22, 2021 "Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement" \(Issued 12/22/21\)](#)
 - [Related Materials: Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement Q&A \(Issued 12/24/21\)](#)
Note: The "Related Materials Q&A" addresses frequently asked questions and is continuously updated.
 - [AFL 21-29.1 Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Testing, Vaccination Verification and Personal Protective Equipment for Health Care Personnel \(HC\) at Health Care Facilities \(Issued 12/27/21\)](#)
- Questions about this AFL or about infection prevention and control of COVID-19?
Contact the CDPH Healthcare-Associated Infections Program at HAIProgram@cdph.ca.gov or novelvirus@cdph.ca.gov.
- Questions about state testing prioritization plans?
Contact the Testing Taskforce at testing.taskforce@state.ca.gov.
- **All ADHC/CBAS providers must comply with this public health policy guidance.**

Existing Flexibilities in CBAS ACLs

The date when CBAS TAS flexibilities and CDPH ADHC licensing flexibilities will end is not yet determined, but an early 2022 date is anticipated.

- CDA is working with our state partners to confirm an end date.
- CDA will release guidance regarding timelines and requirements for transitioning from remote to full in-center services when more public health guidance specific to ADHC licensing flexibilities is released and when the end date for CBAS TAS is determined.

Existing Flexibilities in CBAS ACLs

Current focus:

- Ensuring that services provided under CBAS TAS meet requirements and continue to address participants' needs
- Planning and preparing for the full return to CBAS program requirements when it is safe to do so according to state and local public health guidance

Meanwhile, all requirements specified in the following ACLs continue to apply:

- ✓ [ACL 21-04 Transition to Congregate Center Services](#) apply - e.g., full MDTs, assessments and evaluations, IPCs, . . .
- ✓ [ACL 21-10 Postponement of Deadline for CBAS Transition of All Participants to In-Center Services and Other Planning Updates](#)
- ✓ [ACL 21-13 CBAS Temporary Alternative Services \(TAS\): Remote Services Standards and Documentation Requirements](#)

1115 “CalAIM” Waiver Approval

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the Medi-Cal 2020 Section 1115 Demonstration, now entitled the “California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)” initiative, with an effective date of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2026.
 - Refer to the [CMS Approval Letter and Special Terms and Conditions \(STCs\) and Standards of Participation \(SOPs\)](#).
 - Refer to the [DHCS CalAIM 1115 Demonstration & 1915\(b\) Waiver](#) and [DHCS CalAIM](#) webpages for additional information.
- The 1115 “CalAIM” Waiver includes the provision of CBAS Emergency Remote Services (ERS) under specified emergency conditions. **Note: CBAS TAS and CBAS ERS are distinctive services.**
- Refer to the CBAS STCs (beginning on page 16) and SOPs (beginning on page 127) in the [CMS Approval Letter](#).

CBAS Provider Responses to State of Pandemic

CBAS providers may vary in their approach to addressing the needs of their participants during the current state of the pandemic, while following current local and state public health guidance and CDA policy directives on existing flexibilities.

Sharing their center's responses to the current state of the pandemic:

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Dawn and Jennifer are members of the California Association for Adult Day Services (CAADS) and Alliance for Leadership and Education (ALE) Vision Team which meets weekly with CDA CBAS leadership to discuss and provide recommendations on CDA policy guidance to address the needs of CBAS providers and their participants.

Relevant State and Federal Authorities

State Authorities for ADHC Flexibilities

- **Governor's Executive Orders**

N-35-20 (3/21/20) - *Established State of Emergency & allowed temporary waiver of specified ADHC regulatory requirements (flexibilities) and provision of remote services*

N-08-21 (6/22/21) - *Extends specified ADHC flexibilities through 9/30/21*

N-17-21 (10/4/21) - *Extends specified ADHC flexibilities through 12/31/21*

N-21-21 (11/10/21) - *Extends State of Emergency & specified flexibilities through 3/31/22.*

- **California Department of Public Health (CDPH) All Facilities Letter [\(AFL\) 20-34.4](#): [Suspension of Regulatory Enforcement of Specified ADHC Requirements \(6/2/21\)](#)**

Federal Authority for CBAS TAS - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

- **1135 Attachment K** - *Allows approved flexibilities up to six months post federal Public Health Emergency (PHE)*

Resources: COVID-19 Information

California Department of Aging (CDA)

- [COVID-19 Information and Resources](#)

California Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

- [Coronavirus Information and Resources](#)

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

- [DHCS COVID-19 Response](#)

California Department of Industrial Relations

- [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards–What Employers Need To Know \(Updated 12/16/21\)](#)

California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

- [CDPH All Facilities Letters \(AFLs\)](#)
- [CDPH COVID-19 Home](#)
- [CDPH Find All Guidance](#)
- [CDPH AFL 21-35 Guidance for In-Center Services and Operation of ADHCs during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#)

California Department of Social Services (DSS)

- [COVID-19 Information and Resources](#)

Refer to Provider Information Notices (PINS) for Adult and Senior Care (ASC) Programs

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation](#)
- [COVID-19 Stay Up To Date with Your Vaccines](#)

State of California

- [California COVID-19 Website](#)
- [Office of Governor Gavin Newsom – Executive Orders](#)



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