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Temporary Permanent

REASON FOR CHANGE

This transmits summaries of legislation chaptered in 1992 affecting Community Care Facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill. The summaries are divided into three sections:

- I. Immediate Action Required - Interim instructions are provided and will be incorporated into the appropriate Evaluator Manual section as soon as possible.
- II. No Action Pending Regulations or further instructions.
- III. Information Only - No Action Required

Additionally, an Index is attached to assist staff in locating specific bills. Statutes referenced in this document become operative on January 1, 1993 unless otherwise indicated.

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COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES

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I. IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

AB 396 (No author), Chapter 709, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs except FFHs & CFFHs
Also: DCCs, FDCHs, and RCFEs

Section 1523.1 - repeals existing Health and Safety (H & S) Code Section 1523 and adds Section 1523.1 to increase licensing fees for facility categories previously paying fees, deletes the exemption from fee requirements for public agencies and adds fees for adult day care and adult day support centers which were not previously required to pay fees. This bill also establishes a process whereby fees are required annually by the anniversary of the effective date of the license. Additionally, failure to pay the fees is grounds for denial of an application or forfeiture of a license. The fee amounts for RCF-CIs were not changed. This was an urgency measure with an effective date of September 16, 1992.

Implementation

Detailed information on implementation of this legislation was sent to each Regional Manager and District Office Manager on September 22, 1992, October 1, 1992, and December 10, 1992. Please refer to those documents for instructions. Notification has been sent to all providers.

AB 1523 (Hunter), Chapter 464, Statutes of 1992

Affects: FFAs

Sections 1506(e) (f) (g) - have been revised to expand the minimum requirements for foster family agency (FFA) social work personnel, to include a master's degree and specific coursework or experience. Additional experience options have been added to enable personnel to meet the minimum requirements to qualify as a social worker in an FFA.

The provisions of this bill also require that all new social work personnel hired on or after January 1, 1992 but prior to January 1, 1993 have completed certain coursework or field experience. Persons who do not meet these requirements at the time of hire shall be required to successfully meet them by December 31, 1994 in order to remain employed as a social worker in an FFA. Social work personnel hired prior to January 1, 1992 shall not be required to meet these requirements.

AB 1523 is a clean-up bill for AB 3139 which established the expanded minimum requirements for foster family agency social work personnel.

Implementation

The FFA regulations contain these new provisions and are in the process of revision, awaiting rehearing. Until these regulations are implemented, CCLD staff shall use H & S Code Section 1506 to monitor compliance and to process exceptions to the education requirements for social work personnel. Guidelines for enforcement of the statutory language will be prepared and distributed by COB.

AB 2647 (Bates), Chapter 1315, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs and RCF-CIs
Also: RCFEs, DCCs and FDCHs

Sections 1520, 1520.5, 1524, 1525, 1533, 1550, 1560, 1568.021, 1568.04, 1568.05, 1568.061, and 1568.062 - amended or repealed all references to license renewal including license term limits, renewal applications and fees, renewal visits, and renewal license denial procedures. For RCF-CIs, this bill specifies that license fees are for the processing of an application and, thereafter, are charged on each anniversary of the license effective date. This bill also deleted all provisions for unannounced visits to foster homes except complaint visits.

Sections 1558(b)(c) and Sections 1568.066(b)(c) - require that the Department provide notice directly to an employee or prospective employee when the individual has been immediately excluded from a facility by order of the Department. AB 2647 does not change the 15 calendar day period following the exclusion order which is provided to the employee or prospective employee for purposes of requesting a fair hearing. However, this legislation also requires that the Department serve an accusation upon the excluded employee or prospective employee within 30 calendar days after the Department's receipt of a hearing request from the employee or prospective employee. AB 2647 also sets allowable time limits for the scheduling of name-clearing hearings and the rendering of a hearing decision.

Sections 1558(d) and 1568.066(d) - require that an employee or prospective employee who requests a fair hearing in response to exclusion from a facility provide his or her current mailing address as part of the hearing request. Until the hearing process is completed, the employee is further required to notify the Department in writing of any subsequent change in mailing address.

Section 1550.5 - provides for an interim hearing when requested by the licensee within 10 days of the service of a temporary suspension order, and requires that the Department convene such a hearing within five working days of the Department's receipt of the licensee's written hearing request. This new section creates other procedural requirements for the licensee and the

Department, including timelines, regarding the interim hearings and full evidentiary hearings.

Welfare and Institutions (W & I) Code Section 17710 - was modified to expand the definition of "specialized foster care home" to include certified family homes which have accepted placement of one or more children with special health care needs from a foster family agency that is also a licensed adoption agency and the child has been relinquished to that agency for adoption.

Implementation

Sections 1520, 1520.5, 1524, 1525, 1533, 1550, 1560, 1568.021, 1568.04, 1568.05, 1568.061, and 1568.062 - Effective January 1, 1993, Community Care facility licenses are no longer subject to renewal nor will the face of licenses issued after that date include an expiration date. The License (LIC 203 and LIC 203A) are in the process of being revised. Until the revision has been completed and disseminated, the "Expiration date" field reflected on the computer-generated LIC 203A will automatically be crossed out as shown on the attachment. When using the LIC 203 (the manual document not generated by LIS), it will be necessary to type over the "Expiration date" field with "xxxxx".

Even though facility licenses are no longer subject to renewal, a visit is still made on an annual basis except in Family Day Care Homes. These visits will in the future be referred to as an "annual visit," not a renewal visit. Prior to the expiration of the current license, the Licensing Program Analyst (LPA) is to conduct the visit (previously referred to as the renewal visit). This information is to be put on the LIS in the "visit completed" option using option #7 "renewal visit". This will be the last entry for a "renewal visit" and a perpetual license will be generated without an expiration date.

The next input is the effective date of the license. The effective date is to be either the date that the new license is issued or the day after the expiration of the current license, unless special arrangements have been previously made with the LIS unit. Once the effective date of a license has been entered, it cannot be modified by the district office. However if the input is in error, contact the LIS help desk for correction.

The "expiration date" field is no longer available for input.

The following modifications are also being made to procedures, systems, and/or forms:

The Facility Renewal Visit Report (LIS 845) and the Child Care Facilities Annual Visit (LIS 855) will be replaced by the new "Annual Fee/Visit Report" (LIS), which will contain many of the same data elements as the old listings. This report is

generated approximately 150 days prior to the annual visit date. This report will not apply to Family Day Care.

A new Family Day Care Visit/Fee Report is being prepared. This listing will display the same data elements as the LIS 855. There will be categories of "12 month fee report, 24 month fee report and 36 month fee/visit report". This report is set up in this manner since Family Day Care Homes will continue to be visited every 36 months until there are adequate funds to start annual visits as provided in AB 3087. At that time, the district offices will be notified to begin annual visits.

The LIS 555 and LIS 595 will be combined and given a new LIS number. The new report will be entitled "Annual Notice of Facility Roster" and will include all facility types. This roster will be generated approximately 150 days prior to the annual visit date.

The Renewal Fee Notice (LIC 201F), which is being changed to the "Annual License Fee Notice," is now generated off of the effective date of the license instead of the expiration date. Until this form revision is completed, information that is no longer accurate nor pertinent is being automatically crossed out by the computer.

The Work Volume Report (LIS 993) will no longer indicate renewal visits. Visits previously referred to as renewal visits are to be reported on LIS as annual visits. This category, however, will appear until the last license with an expiration date has been reissued.

LIS-generated listings are now processed off of the effective date of the license instead of the expiration date.

Since licenses are no longer subject to renewal, the Department can no longer deny renewals after January 1, 1993. Any denial actions which were taken prior to January 1, 1993 are subject to the administrative action procedure that was in place at that time. In the future, all such actions must be handled as a revocation of the license.

Section 1533 - Previously, foster family home unannounced visits could be made 120 days prior to renewal if the visit was not considered a renewal visit. This is no longer to be done. Complaint visits are the only unannounced visits to be made.

Sections 1558(b)(c)(d) and 1568.066(b)(c)(d) - given the specific and short period provided for service of the accusation under AB 2647, district offices must, effective immediately, forward the statement of facts and associated documentation in support of exclusion of the employee or prospective employee to the appropriate regional office within five (5) working days of the Department's receipt of the employee's hearing request. Regional offices must then expeditiously forward the statement of facts to

the DSS Legal Division for preparation and service of the accusation. Under separate cover from this summary, COB will soon release detailed instructions for field staff which reflect the new name-clearing requirements created by AB 2647. These instructions will include an amended form letter for use by district offices to provide the required notice to affected employees and prospective employees of immediate barring from a facility.

Section 1550.5 - District offices that receive any licensee request for an interim hearing following service of a TSO must immediately contact the DSS staff attorney assigned to the case. COB will soon release detailed instructions for field staff concerning interim hearings and other changes created by AB 2647 pertaining to temporary suspension orders for CCFs.

W & I Code Section 17710 - Use the new definitions in W & I Code Section 17710 to determine whether a facility is a specialized foster care home.

AB 3151 (Harvey), Chapter 873, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs and RCF-CIs
Also: DCCs and RCFEs

Sections 1524.1 and 1568.068 - requires the licensee of an RCF-CI or CCF, except foster family homes, small family homes, and certified family homes to give the licensing agency and all clients 60 days written notice of intent to sell the facility. AB 3151 also requires the licensee to inform all prospective clients of the intent to sell prior to entering into an admission agreement. The seller (licensee) is responsible for notifying the buyer in writing that a new license is needed to operate the RCF-CI or CCF; a copy of this written notice must be sent to CCLD. The buyer is then responsible for filing a license application within five (5) days of the acceptance of an offer by the licensee (that is, within five [5] days of the mutual commitment to a price for the facility). The Department must give priority to applications submitted under these conditions and must make a decision regarding issuance of the license within 60 days of receipt of the application. If the seller and buyer fully comply with all requirements in this section, the transfer of property may be completed and the buyer shall not be considered to be operating without a license while the Department makes a final decision on whether to issue the new license.

Implementation

Until regulations are developed, use the statutory provisions in Sections 1524.1(a) - (e) for CCFs and 1568.068 (a) - (e) for RCF-CIs as authority for citing facilities. District office staff should refer to Section 87114(c) of the RCFE regulations for further clarification: However, Section 87114(c) shall not

be used to cite a CCF or RCF-CI licensee.

SB 1184 (Presley), Chapter 1338, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs for children
Also affects: DCCs and FDCHs

Section 11170 of the Penal Code - allows the Department of Justice (DOJ) to impose a \$15 fee for the processing of Child Abuse Index Checks. This legislation affects all children's facilities, and there is no provision for an exemption from the fee.

Implementation

The maximum fee of \$15 will be imposed by DOJ on January 1, 1993. DOJ has notified all appropriate county licensing agencies as well as many licensees via letters dated December 10, 1992 regarding the fee requirement. In addition, COB provided a copy of DOJ's letter sent to licensees along with information concerning this new provision in a memorandum to the Regional Managers dated December 23, 1992. As stated in the memorandum, information about the \$15 fee requirement must be provided in orientations to licensees/applicants as soon as possible. This information will be made a part of the standard orientation package. Forms are being modified by COB to reflect this new requirement.

SB 1311 (B. Greene), Chapter 570, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs and RCF-CIs
Also: RCFEs

Section 1509.5 - requires the department to review and make a final determination within 60 days after submission of a complete application regarding all applications received for a CCF license if the applicant has a current, valid license to operate a CCF at another site.

Requires that applicants for a CCF license who possess a current valid license for a CCF at another site indicate the facility name and license number for their current license on the application in order to allow expedited application processing.

Requires that the Department request a fire safety clearance within 5 days of receipt of a completed application for a CCF license from applicants who possess a current, valid CCF license at another site.

If a license or a provisional license is not issued within 60 days of receipt of a completed application, the licensing agency is required to issue a notice to the licensee. The notice shall

describe the reason(s) that a license or provisional license was not issued, including the absence of any required documents. If a life safety risk is identified, the risk shall be clearly explained. If lack of a fire clearance is identified, the applicant shall be provided with the name and telephone number of the fire authority representative who was sent the request and the date the request was sent. If lack of a fingerprint clearance is identified, the licensing agency is required to provide the applicant with the names of the individuals who have not been cleared.

The licensing agency is required to issue a provisional license within 5 days of obtaining documentation indicating that the reason(s) for not issuing a license, as identified in the notice, have been corrected.

Implementation

District office staff shall review CCF applications and identify those from applicants who possess a current CCF license at another site. Applications that are identified as such shall be given priority. These applications shall be reviewed and, if complete (i.e., parts A & B) and payment of the appropriate fee has been made, a fire clearance request shall be sent within five days of receipt of the application.

Field staff shall continue to use current procedures to make a final determination within 60 days. The face-to-face interview should be used to clarify what additional information is needed. If a license or provisional license is not granted, check the appropriate boxes and mail the Notification of Incomplete Application form (LIC 184) to notify the licensee. If a life safety risk is identified, check the "other" box on the LIC 184, indicate that clearance has not been received, and write a description of the risk. If a lack of fingerprint clearance is indicated, write the name(s) of those without clearance on the LIC 184. If the district office has not received the fire clearance, check the "other" box on the LIC 184 and attach a copy of the fire clearance request.

If all requirements indicated on the notice have been corrected and documentation received, issue a license or a provisional license as appropriate within 5 days of receipt of verification.

COB is in the process of revising the LIC 184 to include space to write the names of those lacking fingerprint clearance and to add space for fire clearance information.

SB 1573 (Thompson), Chapter 1153, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs for children

Sections 1520.6(a) (b) (c) - requires that CCLD deny all license

applications received after January 1, 1993 for new group homes to be located in Shasta County if the applicant plans to serve one or more juvenile court wards adjudicated per W & I Code Section 602 (ie., child offenders). The requirement to deny the license application for such facilities does not apply to requested changes in facility ownership or location unless the change would result in an increased facility capacity. This section becomes inoperative on January 1, 1994.

Section 1567.3(a) - prohibits any community care facility from accepting a 602 child placed out-of-county until the probation officer of the resident county has received written notice of the impending placement from the probation officer of the placement county. Section 1567.3(b) requires that the probation officer of the placement county provide the notice required in Section 1567.3(a) to the probation officer in the resident county within 24 hours after the child has been placed in a community care facility.

Implementation

Sections 1520.6(a) (b) (c) - effective January 1, 1993 and until January 1, 1994, deny any application for a new group home to be located in Shasta County which is received after January 1, 1993 if the group home plans to serve W & I Code Section 602 children. Also for this time period, deny any application for a change of ownership or location of a group home in Shasta County involving a capacity increase when the facility provides, or will provide, services to any such 602 wards. Use H & S Code Section 1520.6 as your citing authority. Acceptable evidence from the group home license applicant that 602 children shall not be accepted for placement consists of a statement to that effect in the submitted facility plan of operation.

Section 1567.3(a) - effective January 1, 1993 for all out-of-county placed children and until regulations are adopted, district offices shall require that group home, small family home, and foster family home licensees maintain in the children's facility records a copy of the notice given by the placement county probation authority to the resident county probation authority. If this notice is not available for review by licensing agency staff, cite a Potential Impact deficiency using as authority H & S Code Section 1567.3(a). Acceptable plans of correction shall include, but not be limited to, making all such notices available for review by the licensing agency, relocation of the child to the county of residence, relocation of the child to another facility with appropriate notice by the placing probation authority, and evidence that the child is not actually a 602 ward.

II. NO ACTION PENDING REGULATIONS OR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

SB 307 (Royce), Chapter 714, Statutes of 1992

Affects: Group Homes

Section 1502.4(a)(1) - limits placement of seriously emotionally disturbed children in group homes to those who do not need inpatient care in a licensed health facility. This is not really a new criteria as no child needing care in a licensed health facility should now be in a group home. This is now specifically stated in statute.

Section 1502.4 - in combination with W & I Code Section 11462(g)(3), specifies the types of children and the circumstances under which these children may be placed into a group home program with a rate established at level 13 or 14. These provisions, effective until June 30, 1994, are as follows:

The licensee shall agree to accept for placement into its group home program only children who have been assessed as seriously emotionally disturbed by either of the following:

An interagency placement committee, as described in W & I Code Section 4096 or by a licensed mental health professional, as defined in Sections 629 to 633, inclusive, of Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations.

A licensed mental health professional pursuant to clause (iii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (11), or paragraph (12), of subdivision (g) of W & I Code Section 11462, if the county does not have an interagency placement committee established pursuant to W & I Code Section 4096, or if the child is privately placed or only county funded.

The program is certified by the State Department of Mental Health, pursuant to W & I Code Section 4096.5, as a program which provides mental health treatment services for seriously emotionally disturbed children.

Implementation

More detailed instructions will be issued by February 1, 1993 to allow for uniform enforcement. In the meantime, should a problem develop in a group home receiving a 13 or 14 rate, any review should include assessment of whether the provisions mentioned above are in place.

III. INFORMATION ONLY - NO ACTION REQUIRED

AB 2266 (B. Friedman), Chapter 285, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs

Section 199.715 - authorizes the Department of Health Services to approve up to 35 pilot projects to provide housing and food to homeless persons with AIDS or symptomatic HIV disease in residential AIDS shelters (RAS). Changes the outdated term "AIDS-related conditions" (ARC) to "symptomatic HIV disease." Extends the expiration date of the pilot projects from July 1, 1993 to July 1, 1995.

Implementation

Information only, no action required. The Department of Health Services will notify pilot project participants of the two-year extension. The pilot project facilities, many of which would have been required to be licensed in 1993 as residential care facilities for the chronically ill (RCF-CI), may now operate as residential AIDS shelters for two additional years and will not be subject to CCLD licensing requirements until 1995.

AB 2647 (Bates), Chapter 1315, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs and RCF-CIs
Also: RCFEs, DCCs and FDCHs

Section 1551 - amends various legal rules regarding hearing proceedings for license suspension, revocation, or denial, and establishes conditions under which an administrative law judge may allow the continuance of an appeal hearing.

Section 1565(a) - affects FFAs, SFHs, FFHs, and GHs only to mandate that the Health and Welfare Agency establish a Task Force on Accreditation of Services for Children and to have that group meet on or before January 1, 1993. The responsibility of the group will be to study and make recommendations on the voluntary program accreditation of licensed children's residential care facilities. This voluntary accreditation is to be separate from, and in addition to the current licensing standards. The Health and Welfare Agency is required to include representatives on the task force from the Department of Social Services including, but not limited to, a representative from the Community Care Licensing Division.

Implementation

Information only. Regarding Section 1551, the Department's Legal Division will monitor adherence to the procedural requirements

concerning hearings.

AB 2691 (Areias), Chapter 865, Statutes of 1992

Affects: FFHs

Section 1530.6 - revokes statutory language prohibiting foster parents from giving legal consent for a foster child to obtain a driver's license. Vehicle Code Section 17701, is also amended to allow a licensee to sign and verify a foster child's application for a driver's license; in so doing, however, the foster parent will be subject to Section 17707 of the Vehicle Code which imposes civil liability incurred by a minor operating a motor vehicle upon the person who signed the minor's application.

Implementation

Information only, no action required. A special all-licensee letter will be prepared.

AB 2724 (T. Friedman), Chapter 789, Statutes of 1992

Affects: GHs and RCF-CIs

Section 1596.60 - directs the Department to select and monitor between six and 20 facilities to participate in a pilot project to provide care for children with HIV disease and for families in which one or more members have HIV disease.

The pilot project facilities must include: (1) at least one group home that provides care and supervision for children until the time of death, (2) at least one group home that will provide care and supervision for six to 12 months with the goal of family reunification, adoption, or foster care placement, (3) at least one RCF-CI that will provide care and supervision for families in which one or more members have HIV disease, and (4) at least one facility not licensed by the Department that provides care and supervision for minors with HIV disease or families in which one or more members have HIV disease. The selected RCF-CI will be authorized to accept minors.

Selected facilities must ensure that each resident with HIV disease has access to licensed home health agency services. If the resident or his/her parent, guardian, or other responsible person is unable to arrange such services the facility shall assume that responsibility. Each pilot facility also must establish and coordinate an interdisciplinary team for each resident responsible for developing and monitoring an individualized services plan.

Section 1596.61 - requires that the Department evaluate the effectiveness and cost of care provided by each type of facility,

and report to the Legislature and the Governor by January 1, 1996.

Implementation

Information only, no action required. Establishment of the pilot project is contingent upon the availability of funds to cover all implementation costs.

AB 2756 (Hunter), Chapter 434, Statutes of 1992

Affects: ARFs

W & I Code Section 5673 - authorizes a three-year pilot program in Napa and Riverside Counties to establish one 10-bed, locked facility in each county. Each facility would provide care and treatment for mentally disordered adults who would otherwise be placed in a state hospital or another health facility. This bill also exempts such facilities from the H & S Code and California Code of Regulations provisions which prohibit locked facilities and the provision of medical care.

Implementation

Information only, no action required. Commencement of the pilot program is contingent upon the Department and the county identifying funds and submitting a financial plan to the Department of Finance for approval.

AB 2866 (Floyd), Chapter 420, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs

Also: RCFEs

Section 13133 - mandates that the State Fire Marshal develop separate and distinct occupancy classifications and specific fire safety standards for each type of residential community care facility and residential care facility for the elderly licensed by the Department. Additionally, the law mandates that such standards and other related regulations be applied consistently by the State Fire Marshal to all affected facilities on a statewide basis. The law precludes any city, county, or city and county from enforcing any standards which would be deemed inconsistent with the separate and distinct occupancy classifications and specific fire safety standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal Office.

Implementation

Information only. Field staff will be notified as new fire safety standards are developed.

AB 3773 (Conroy), Chapter 1227, Statutes of 1992

This legislation has no direct effect on the licensing program. However, it amends the Penal Code to make specific the circumstances under which the Department of Justice may release criminal record information to employers. Licensees do not receive clearance information under this statute, but rather under H & S Code provisions.

AB 3773 also makes it a misdemeanor to require a potential employee to obtain his or her criminal record clearance and provide it to the employer who may not have the authority to receive such information.

Implementation

Information only, no action needed.

SB 1562 (Watson), Chapter 1319, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs

Also: RCFEs, DCCs and FDCHs

Section 1563 - requires the Department to provide licensing staff with 36 hours of training per year that reflects the needs of persons served by CCFs. This section also requires the Department to give priority to applicants for employment to persons with experience as care providers in CCFs.

This bill further requires the Department to provide new staff with comprehensive training within the first six months of employment. The training, at a minimum, shall include the following core areas: administrative action process, client populations, conducting facility visits, cultural awareness, documentation skills, facility operations, human relations skills, interviewing techniques, investigation processes, and regulation administration.

Implementation

Information only, no action required. A training program for licensing staff is already in place. The 36 hour training requirement is being met this year through staff attendance at the training academy.

SB 1573 (Thompson), Chapter 1153, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs for children

Section 1520.65 - requires that the Department issue a report to the Legislature by January 1, 1994 addressing the circumstances and conditions which result in the placement of children in

community care facilities outside their county of residence. The report must examine the impact of such placements on the overconcentration of facilities, the well-being of affected children, and family reunification.

Implementation

No action necessary. The Department will issue the report after consulting with representatives of provider associations, the County Welfare Directors Association, the County Probation Officers Association, and possibly others as required by this new law.

SB 1947 (B. Greene), Chapter 1288, Statutes of 1992

Affects: CCFs

Section 1531.3 - requires that the State Fire Marshal develop separate and distinct fire and panic safety standards and criteria for each type of community care facility licensed by the Department. Additionally, the law mandates the State Fire Marshal to take into consideration the types of clients/persons served and their specific needs and characteristics during the development of the standards. Each facility will then be required to meet the specified standards as a condition for initial and continued licensing.

Implementation

Information only, no action. As with AB 2866 mentioned above, COB expects to work with the Office of the State Fire Marshal in identifying clients and categories of care. Licensing staff will be properly notified when any changes are made.