



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



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Behavioral Health Information Notice No: 21-004

TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
California Hospital Association
California Opioid Maintenance Providers
California State Association of Counties
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations
County Behavioral Health Directors
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: Adult Residential Treatment Services (ARTS) in Mental Health
Rehabilitation Centers (MHRCs): Exemption from Social Rehabilitation
Program Certification Requirements

PURPOSE: Provide notice of amendments to California Code of Regulations
(CCR), title 9, section 1840.332.

REFERENCE: Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5671, 5675, 10725, 14021.4,
14124.5, 14680, 14684 14700 and 14718.

BACKGROUND:

Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers (MHRCs) are 24-hour programs, licensed by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Licensing and Certification Division, which provide intensive support and rehabilitation services designed to assist persons, 18 years or older, with mental disorders who would have been placed in a state hospital or

other mental health facility, to develop skills to become self-sufficient and capable of increasing levels of independent functioning.¹

ARTS are rehabilitative services provided in a non-institutional, residential setting for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who would be at risk of hospitalization or other institutional placement if they were not in the residential treatment program.² ARTS activities may include, but are not limited to, assessment, plan development, therapy, rehabilitation and collateral.³

Prior to January 1, 2021, CCR, title 9, section 1840.332 required programs providing ARTS to be certified as a Social Rehabilitation Program (SRP) by DHCS and licensed as either a Social Rehabilitation Facility or Community Care Facility by the State Department of Social Services or licensed as a MHRC by DHCS to be eligible to claim Federal Financial Participation.⁴

POLICY:

The amendments to CCR, title 9, section 1840.332 exempt MHRCs that provide ARTS from the requirement to obtain SRP certification from DHCS.

The amendments became effective on January 1, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this Information Notice, please contact the Mental Health Licensing Section at MHLC@dhcs.ca.gov or (916) 323-1864.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Janelle Ito-Orille, Chief
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¹ Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 782.34

² Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 1810.203

³ *Id.*

⁴ Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, §§ 1840.308 and 1840.332 (prior to January 1, 2021)