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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: INCREASED ASSESSMENT OF FEES FOR LICENSURE AND
CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL AND OUTPATIENT RECOVERY
AND/OR TREATMENT PROGRAMS

On June 20, 2014, Chapter 31, Statutes of 2014, Senate Bill (SB) 857 was enacted authorizing the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to set forth a new fee structure. The bill also allows DHCS the authority to supersede the licensing and certification fees in effect until DHCS has amended Section 10701 of Title 9 of Division 4 of Chapter 5.5 of the California Code of Regulations.

The revenues collected are intended to support and maintain the resources necessary for provider oversight by DHCS. Licensure and certification activities include, but are not limited to review and processing of initial and extension applications; initial and biennial onsite monitoring; complaint investigations; administrative support; disseminating information to the public, governmental agencies, and stakeholders; updating and maintaining databases; policy, regulatory, and statutory development; provider training and technical assistance; and appeal processing for revocation or suspension of provider licensure/certification and/or civil penalties.

The fees authorized by SB 84 (Chapter 177, Statutes of 2007) have not been adjusted since the initial implementation. In order to keep the fees affordable, it was determined to keep the fees low and then over subsequent years raise the fees over subsequent years until the fees were in line with the associated workload. For example, charging one years' worth of bed fees during the two-year licensure and certification period.

It has been determined the current fee structure is insufficient due to the increased number of complaints, including the numerous administrative actions taken by DHCS. Therefore, DHCS has increased fees by 10%, including aligning the bed fees with the two-year licensing period.

Effective December 1, 2014, DHCS will assess the following fees for licensure and certification of substance use disorder/alcohol and other drug programs:

RESIDENTIAL LICENSURE FEES		
APPLICATION TYPE	OLD FEE	NEW FEE
Initial Residential Licensure Application Fee	\$2,773	\$3,050
Initial Biennial Residential Licensure Fee	\$ 147 (per bed)	\$ 324 (per bed)
Biennial Residential Licensure Extension Fee	\$ 147 (per bed)	\$ 324 (per bed)
Adolescent Waiver Application Fee	\$1,370	\$1,507
Dependent Children Application Fee (if not requested during initial licensure application)	\$ 958	\$1,054
Additional Services Fee (previously increase in bed capacity application fee) i.e., adding detoxification services, increase in bed capacity, adding co-ed.	\$ 940	\$1,034
Facility Relocation Fee	\$ 916	\$1,008
Adding Additional Address Fee (previously collected as a relocation fee)	\$ 916	\$1,008

CERTIFICATION FEES		
APPLICATION TYPE	OLD FEE	NEW FEE
Initial Outpatient Certification Application Fee	\$2,664	\$2,931
Initial Biennial Outpatient Certification Fee	\$3,452	\$3,798
Biennial Outpatient Certification Extension Fee	\$3,452	\$3,798
Biennial Residential Certification Fee (for facilities having a residential license issued by another State Department). The maximum fees for beds will not exceed the biennial certification fee	\$ 147 (per bed with a maximum of \$3,452)	\$ 324 (per bed, with a maximum of \$3,798)
Facility Relocation Application Fee	\$ 916	\$1,008
Adding Additional Address or Suite #(s) Fee (previously collected as a relocation fee)	\$ 916	\$1,008

COMBINED RESIDENTIAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION FEES		
APPLICATION TYPE	OLD FEE	NEW FEE
Initial Combined Residential Licensure and Certification Application Fee	\$3,698	\$4,068
Initial Biennial Combined Residential Licensure and Certification Fee	\$ 147 (per bed)	\$ 324 (per bed)
Biennial Combined Residential Licensure and Certification Extension Fee	\$ 147 (per bed)	\$ 324 (per bed)
All other fees are as stated in the 'Residential Licensure Fee' box		

This bulletin replaces ADP Bulletin 07-11, Assessment of Fees for Licensure and Certification of Residential and Outpatient Recovery and/or Treatment Facilities. A copy of this bulletin may be accessed through DHCS's website at www.dhcs.ca.gov.

If you have any further questions or concerns, you may contact the Officer of the Day at (916) 322-2911.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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