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#### **ABOUT US**

6Beds, Inc. promotes safe and affordable quality care for California seniors and adults with disabilities in a home-like environment.

6Beds is committed to educating and advocating on behalf of California's vulnerable residents by uniting senior and adult care facilities throughout the state.

6Beds is the voice and represents the concerns of the small care providers.

## **COVID-19 UPDATES**

Updated December 31, 2021, with data from December 30, 2021.

**CASES** 

4,990,016

total

6,176 daily avg.

15.8 new cases per 100K

**DEATHS** 

75,461

total

43 daily avg.

**0.2** new deaths per 100k

**TESTS** 

5.4% test positivity

**VACCINES ADMINISTERED** 

63,910,607

total

167,824 daily avg.

#### 78.9% of population vaccinated

**Note:** Data on cases, deaths, and testing is not reported on weekends or state holidays. This data is reported on the first day following the weekend or holiday. Data on administered vaccines is reported daily. Case rate is based on a 7-day average with a 7-day lag. Rates of deaths is based on a 7-day average with a 21-day lag due to delays in reporting. Test positivity is based on a 7-day average with no lag. Directional change is compared to the prior 7-day period. Data is provided by the California Department of Public Health. The population denominators used for the per 100K rates come from the California Department of Finance's population projections for 2020.

Sources: <a href="https://covid19.ca.gov/">https://covid19.ca.gov/</a>

## EMERGENCE OF OMICRON: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

COVID- 19 have cases been reportedly increasing since Thanksgiving, and the new strain is rapidly spreading across the world. California's first case of omicron was detected December 1, and the virus subsequently been discovered in Angeles County, Sacramento, and San Diego. With the holidays approaching, since more people are traveling, it is possible that the number of might increase. It expected that there may be up to 1,300,000 additional cases December 25, according to health officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

## 5 Things You Should Know

#### 1. Timeline of Omicron:

- On November 26, 2021, World Health Organization (WHO) named the B.1.1.529 Omicron and classified it as a Variant of Concern (VOC).
- On December 1, 2021 the first confirmed U.S. case of Omicron was identified.

## 2. Can the Omicron variant spread easily?

 The Omicron variant is anticipated to spread more quickly than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus, and the rate of transmission of Omicron in comparison to Delta is uncertain. The CDC anticipates that anyone infected with Omicron can transfer the virus to others, regardless of vaccination status or absence of symptoms.

## 3. Is the Omicron variant capable of inflicting more severe illness?

 Additional data needed are determine if Omicron infections, reinfections particularly and breakthrough infections in fully vaccinated individuals, result in more severe illness or mortality than infection with other variants.

## 4. Are vaccines effective against Omicron?

· Current vaccinations are intended to against disease, protect severe hospitalization, and mortality caused by Omicron infection. However, it is possible for persons who are fully vaccinated to get breakthrough infections. Vaccines have remained effective against other variants, such as Delta, in averting severe disease, hospitalizations, and death.

## 5. Are there any treatments against Omicron?

 Scientists are evaluating the efficacy of currently available treatments for COVID-19. Certain treatments are expected to stay beneficial despite Omicron's altered genetic makeup, while other treatments may become less effective.

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## WHAT CAN WE DO TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE OMICRON VARIANT?

Just like the previous variants that we are aware of, the best tool to protect ourselves from getting infected and to prevent the spread is to:

#### GET VACCINATED/ GET BOOSTER SHOTS



COVID-19 vaccines are proven to be highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations and death. Scientists are currently evaluating the efficacy of these vaccines but highly encourage people to get their vaccines to do their part to help fight this battle.

## AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH



There may be a possibility that you contracted the virus after coming into contact with a contaminated surface. If you often touch your nose, eyes, or lips, you may unintentionally spread the infection

# WEAR MASKS WHEN YOU ARE IN PUBLIC INDOOR SETTINGS REGARDLESS OF YOUR VACCINATION STATUS.

One of the most important safety protocols we should practice. Wearing masks can prevent the spread of the virus from person to person. CDC provides advice about masks on what type of mask to wear depending on circumstances.

#### Read here:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/201 9-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/aboutface-coverings.html SANITIZE



Maintain hygiene and follow the prevention tips including disinfection and sanitization to reduce the chances of contracting the COVID-19 virus.

## MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING



Keep a minimum of 3-6 feet between you and other individuals. This is because the COVID-19 virus can be sprayed into the air by an infected individual through micro droplets produced when coughing or sneezing. There is a very high risk of infection if you breathe this air.

#### PIN 21-51-ASC -CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) VACCINE ADDITIONAL AND BOOSTER DOSES



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that research indicates that vaccine effectiveness against illness decreases over time. It is critical to maintain adequate immunity against infection, particularly for older and disabled persons, as well as residents of long-term care facilities, who are more susceptible to severe infection. Recent increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in the community and in ASC residential facilities among individuals who completed their primary COVID-19 immunization series over a sixmonth timeframe, may show declining immunity, emphasizing the critical need for COVID-19 Additionally, the recent boosters. vaccine development of the Omicron variant highlights the importance of immunization and booster shots.

A second dose is highly recommended for immunocompromised individuals since the initial vaccine series is likely to be insufficient to protect them against the virus and an additional dose can boost antibody response.

# Who are recommended to take the a booster shot?

Adults aged 18 years or older who have completed their primary COVID-19 vaccine series and fulfilled the timeframe criteria for their primary vaccine dose or series are highly recommended to receive a booster dose.

# THIRD (ADDITIONAL) AND BOOSTER DOSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MODERATELY TO SEVERELY COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEMS



Immunocompromised individuals may not gain the same level of immunity to two-dose mRNA vaccines as non-immunocompromised persons. The CDC advises immunocompromised individuals to receive a third (extra dose) of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines at least twenty-eight (28) days after completing their primary series. This is for PfizerBioNTech and Moderna patients aged 12 and up with a compromised immune system.

Those who received the COVID-19 vaccine series from Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna should receive a third dose of the same vaccine. Immunocompromised patients aged 18 and older are eligible to receive a single booster dose (fourth dose) six months after receiving their third mRNA vaccination dose.

Note: With flu season in progress, CCLD reminds licensees that it is also important that persons in care and facility staff receive a flu vaccine. CDC Frequently Asked Influenza (Flu) Questions 2021-2022 Season specifies that individuals can get a flu vaccine at the same time as a COVID-19 vaccine or a COVID19 booster shot.

## Vaccine Booster Dose Eligibility:

Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna
If the individual is:

- aged 18 years and older, and
- received a second dose at least six (6) months ago.

Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)
If the individual is:

- · age 18 years and older, and
- received a first dose of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine at least two (2) months ago.

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#### **VACCINE BOOSTER**

Choosing a Vaccine Booster Dose ("Mixing and Matching") COVID-19 vaccine recipients who get a booster dose may choose between a booster that is the same brand vaccine they received for their initial dose or series of doses or a booster that is a different brand vaccine than the vaccine they originally received for their initial dose or series of doses.

This choice may depend on advice from a health care provider, individual preference, availability, or convenience. For more information on vaccines or boosters, please visit the FDA, CDC, and CDPH websites.

#### PRIMARY VACCINE



\*Must be at least two (2) months after receiving their primary vaccination

## moderna

\*Must be at least six (6) months after receiving their primary vaccination



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#### **ELIGIBLE BOOSTER**

























#### **ACCESSING VACCINES FOR AN ADDITIONAL OR A BOOSTER DOSE**

You and the licensee of your facility may continue to use existing resources to access COVID-19 vaccines additional an dose. These booster resources include:

- 1. MyTurn. The CDPH website myturn.ca.gov provides vaccine registration, scheduling for vaccine appointments, and notification.
- 2. Vaccine Finder. https://www.vaccines.gov/ The CDC website Vaccine Finder provides nearby vaccine locations, including retail pharmacy locations.
- 3. Local Health Departments (LHDs). LHDs may have information available locations where COVID-19 about vaccine is available in the local community. Please check your LHD's https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/Loc alHealthServicesAndOffices.aspxweb site for vaccine information.

#### Read here:

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https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/PINs/2021 /ASC/PIN-21-51-ASC.pdf

and grocery stores such as CVS https://www.cvs.com/international.h tml, Walgreens https://www.walgreens.com/findcar e/vaccination/covid/19/landing, **Albertsons** https://www.mhealthappointments.c om/covidappt, Safeway https://www.safeway.com/pharmacy /covid-19.html, and others offer

4. Local Retail Pharmacies. Pharmacies

5. Healthcare Providers. The COVID-19 vaccine may also be available through healthcare providers, such as hospitals, clinics, doctor's offices, and other locations. If you seek vaccination through a private healthcare provider, you should consult with, or check the website for, your primary care provider.

COVID-19 vaccination appointments.

6. Regional Centers. Information about accessing the COVID-19 vaccine may also be available through your Regional Center if you have an intellectual and/or developmental disability.

Sources: California Department of Social Services (CDSS). (2021). Provider Information Notices (PINs) Adult and Senior Care (ASC) Program. California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

#### WORKING THROUGH CHALLENGING SITUATIONS AS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTINUES

#### **SCENARIO A**

#### WHEN VISITORS REFUSE TO WEAR MASKS:

- Safety of staff, persons in care, and visitors are the top priority
- Recognize his distress and Acknowledge their feelings (Example: "I find the mask uncomfortable too, and I have to wear it all the time at work."
- Offer an outdoor visit
- Schedule a family meeting at another time with all key people present

#### **SCENARIO C**

CARING FOR PERSONS IN CARE WITH COVID-19 INFECTION CONTROL PLAN:

- Quarantine/Isolation
- Testing
- Reporting
- Increased symptom monitoring
- When to call the doctor
- When to transfer to hospital
- Step up cleaning and disinfection of high touch 20 surfaces

#### **SCENARIO B**

WHEN VISITORS REFUSE TO WEAR MASKS:

- Ensure safety
- Listen closely
- Don't take it personally
- Form relationship
- Use non threatening nonverbals
- Stay calm and professional
- Offer a range of safe, realistic options
- Remember the end goal
- Acknowledge their feelings & experiences

Inform CCLD, Local Public Health Department, primary care provider

Know when to send residents to the hospital:

- shortness of breath
- not drinking, eating, urinating
- confused
- chest pain
- abnormal vital signs: high pulse or breathing, low blood pressure/oxygen

Read more:

https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/COVID/Working-Through-Challenging-Situations.pdf **OCTOBER 21, 2021** 

# 6BEDS 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

#### 6Beds 2021 ARF & RCFE 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE













OCTOBER 21
S AM - 5 PM
Via Zeom Webinar



MORNING SESSION

FREE Conference for ARF and RCFE Operators . FREE Conference for ARF and RCFE Operators

6Beds 7th Annual Conference was held on October 21,2021. Special guest speakers include key legislators and residential care industry experts who covered relevant topics. This webinar also includes 3 FREE CEUs from Senior Community Learning

Recording and presentation for this webinar may be accessed in 6Beds member portal only.



via ZOOM

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## CARETOTALK: FIRST TO KNOW, FIRST TO GROW

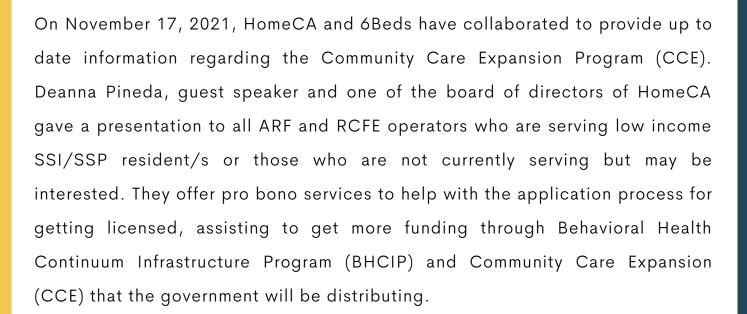
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## CAREtoTALK

November 17, 2021

## CAREtoTALK: Funding © Opportunities with Gina Wasdyke and Deanna **Pineda**





## CAREtoTALK?

for another **CAREtoTALK** Stay tuned membership meeting! If you want to know more about 6Beds CAREtoTALK: ARF and RCFE Membership Meeting. As a member, you are eligible to receive an email and text, to keep you updated!

## CAREtoTALK

November 17, 2021



#### **About HomeCA**

HomeCA - Providing Safe & Affordable Permanent Housing and Services for Californians Who are Chronically Homeless or at Risk of Homelessness.

#### PRO BONO SERVICES PROVIDED

 Assistance with application process to help access funding through Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) and Community Care Expansion (CCE)

## CAREtoTALK

December 15, 2021

#### How to Petition Caregivers with Immigration Atty. Carmen Villamor and Nurse Mike Austria

As a treat to our Professional Paying Members (PPM) at 6Beds, we let you decide what topics you would like us to tackle next. The poll results showed that 6Beds members would like to know more about how to hire a caregiver from another country, some who specifically suggested caregivers from the Philippines.

For the month of December, we reached out to a top immigration lawyer who can help with the process of hiring caregivers from other countries because at 6Beds we not only act as your voice, but we also hear you and we listen to your suggestions and feedback.

As California faces shortage in the caregiving workforce, 6Beds guest speaker, top immigration lawyer, Atty. Carmen Villamor, together with Nurse Mike Austria, talked about the requirements, process and timeline on how to petition caregivers from other countries, specifically from the Philippines.



This CAREtoTALK session, we wanted to give back to our Professional Paying Members (PPM) and give them an exclusive webinar only open to them. Another benefit of becoming 6Beds PPM is that our PPMs have access to member only portal wherein we post all the recording, the contact information and presentation of our CAREtoTALK guest speakers.



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Legislature adjourned its first year of the 2021-2022 two year legislative session in September. Legislators have returned to their districts and are currently planning for the legislation that they will be introducing when the Legislature reconvenes on January 3rd. We anticipate a great deal of focus on the need for more housing, and 6beds members certainly provide a positive contribution to that important policy priority. We also anticipate a continued focus on resident's health and safety in addition to fair pay for employees and dealing with the excessive costs associated with housing. In addition, we are following the development of the Community Care Expansion Program, for which a Request for Application (RFA) will be issued in January, 2022.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



Our lobbyists at 6Beds have been, (and will continue into 2022) working on Title 22 reform as well as attempting to have the cap of 6 residents per RCFE increased where the residence can accommodate more.

#### This year's session ended on September 10 and resulted in:

- The passage of two bills of significance to 6beds (one of which we opposed),
- The enactment of the \$353 million Community Care Expansion Program to be administered by the Department of Social Services to try to stem the tide of ARF and RCFE closures,
- The deferral until next year, probably without prejudice, of a referral agency bill we have been working on for six years, and
- The dropping of two bills to which we were opposed and another of interest

These are among the 12 bills we actively monitored after reviewing the 2400 bills introduced for consideration this year.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



#### **Enacted Bills**

AB 665 (Eduardo Garcia)—care facilities: internet access.

Would require RCFEs that have Wi-Fi to make available an "internet access device" (can be a smart phone, computer, tablet or other device) "that can support interactive applications, is equipped with videoconferencing technology and is dedicated for client or resident use." The point of the bill, in reaction to COVID, is to enable residents to meet virtually with family, friends and medical providers. We threatened to oppose the bill but dropped our opposition when it was clarified that it could be a smartphone or other relatively inexpensive device and did not require a separate room for use.

SB 447 (Laird)—civil actions: decedent's cause of action.

Would allow a decedent's representative to sue for damages for pain, suffering or disfigurement. Such a cause of action is now barred. We joined a broad coalition headed by the Chamber of Commerce in opposing the bill. The business community withdrew its opposition when it was amended to be a kind of 4 year pilot program with a report to the Legislature.

#### **Delayed Bill We Support**

AB 499 (Blanca Rubio)—referral source for RCFEs: duties

This bill to regulate referral agencies was put over to next year at the request of Attorney General Bonta's office, which seems to be interested in strengthening regulation. The bill is sponsored by A Place for Mom and we worked over two years with committee staff to improve the bill—the latest amendment requires a referral agency to cease contacting or making referrals to a person within 10 days of a request to cease such activity. We agreed to support the bill with that amendment. The bill is likely to pass next year.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



#### Bills of interest that were dropped

AB 1300 (Voepel)—RCFEs: electronic monitoring.

Would have authorized a resident to install electronic monitoring devices in their rooms, with notice to the facility and the consent of any roommate. We opposed the bill on privacy and administrative burden grounds and the author dropped it.

AB 677 (Holden)—Care facilities: criminal background checks.

Generally sought to speed up the process by which persons applying to work at an RCFE can obtain exemptions for certain prior criminal conduct. The bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, probably because of administrative cost to DSS.

AB 895 (Holden)—Residential care facilities: conditions.

Required Community Care Licensing to post on its website every inspection report in past 5 years. We raised concerns about inspection report inaccuracies, and the author did not pursue the bill.

## New \$353 million Community Care Expansion Program at DSS.

AB 172, Section 27 (budget trailer bill)

This program is an effort to prevent further closures of facilities serving SSI recipients and potentially homeless people, and to expand such facilities. We supported this idea in budget subcommittee hearings but emphasized that deferred maintenance was not as much of a problem as inadequacy of the SSI grant. The program includes possible assistance with both. The emphasis is on administration of the program by counties, but the department can use others to implement part of the program. Counties are required to provide matching funds (amount of match not specified). The Department has indicated guidance will be forthcoming once the bill is signed.

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#### **PINs Update**

Provider Information Notices (PINs) Updates for Adult and Senior Care (ASC) Program

NOTE: Prior to November 2016, CCLD information currently being communicated in PIN form was communicated in the form of Provider Letters and CCLD Information Releases. To receive email notifications when a PIN has been released please email ccldpolicynotification@dss.ca.gov

#### PIN 21-23-CCLD - Estimated SSI/SSP Payment Standards Effective January 1, 2022

- The SSI/SSP payments that comprise of the Non-Medical-Out-of-Home Care include Room and Board, Care and Supervision, Amount Payable for Basic Services, and Personal and Incidental Needs Allowance.
- The total NMOHC payment standard is doubled for SSI/SSP couples. For any concerns, please contact your local Adult and Senior Care Program Regional Office.

## PIN 21-24-CCLD - Governor's Executive Order N-21-21 Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) And The Expiration Of Statewide Waivers In The Administrator Certification Program

- In light of the surge in COVID-19 cases, and the approaching flu season, Order N-21-21 extends existing CDSS Covid-19 waiver authority to continue operating through the expiration date set by the CDSS, or March 31, 2022.
- Applications for Administrator Certificate must pass the Administrator Certificate Examination by December 31, 2021. Likewise, those appealing for administrator's recertification, the Department is waiving until March 31, 2022 requirements include at least 20 hours in continuing education in person.

## PIN 21-40-ASC - Updated Statewide Visitation Waiver, and Testing and Vaccination Verification Guidance for Visitors Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

- An additional requirement for licensees to check and track the COVID-19 tests of visitors, this applies for vaccinated and unvaccinated visitors alike.
   Documents for checking prior to visitation may include COVID-19 diagnostic checks or vaccination documents.
- The visitation requirements stated in this pin shall be effective until termination of the Proclamation of the State of Emergency. Licensees should adhere to the best practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which includes following updated requirements of superseding PINs.

Source : cdss.ca.gov

#### **PINs Update**

#### PIN 21-43-ASC - Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Mitigation Plan Report And Training

- This PIN enumerates the additional and updated requirements for submissions of Mitigation Plan Report. The Department enjoins licensees to use the provided template for the Mitigation Plan which is composed of 8 components as its minimum requirements.
- The additional step to the submission process includes a submission of a complete Mitigation Plan Report to CCLDFacilityCovidPlan@dss.ca.gov. Any questions or concerns may be entertained by providers or licensees (Call 1-800-510-2020).

#### PIN 21-44-ASC - Adult and Senior Care Facility Worker Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccination Requirement

- This pin elaborates on the specific vaccination requirements that must be met by workers providing services in the Adult and Senior Care facility. Among these requirements include, vaccination for a first dose for a one dose vaccine or a second dose for a two dose vaccine by November 30, 2021.
- More guidelines and requirements are provided for exemptions. Which
  include conflicting medical concerns to be supported by a physician and
  going against religious beliefs. Unvaccinated workers must still adhere to
  COVID-19 diagnostic checks

#### PIN 21-46-ASC - Influenza Or "Flu", Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Pneumonia And Infection Control Guidance

- Influenza or "Flu" and COVID-19 are both respiratory illnesses that are caused by different viruses. While the flu is salient all year round, peak seasons occur between December to February. Pneumonia on the other hand is an infection in the lungs caused by bacteria or virus that is likely to develop into a respiratory illness.
- The effects and symptoms of COVID-19 and the flu are similar and have been recognized as more severe for older adults and people with underlying conditions. The effects of COVID-19 have more long term complications.

#### PIN 21-48-ASC - Authority Of Conservators And Agents Under Powers Of Attorney Related To Residents' Rights

- This pin provides guidelines for conservators and agents related to specified resident's rights.
- Some exemptions that may NOT curtail resident's rights include: right to have visitors, telephone calls, and personal email, unless given explicit authority to do so.

Source : <a href="mailto:cdss.ca.gov">cdss.ca.gov</a>

#### **PINs Update**

PIN 21-49-ASC - Updated Guidance On Communal Dining, Group Activities, Entertainment, Non-Essential Services, And Transportation During The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic

- This PIN provides new guidelines for transportation, communal dining and entertainment. For unvaccinated people gathering in establishments, wearing a well fitted mask is necessary. Similarly, if a fully vaccinated party is out, they may opt not to wear a mask.
- Establishments are NOT allowed to prohibit residents from eating in the same room/ table. Group activities may continue as long as they practice proper hand hygiene, and are not in isolation or under any quarantine precaution.

## PIN 21-50-ASC - Informational Call Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Working Through Challenging Situations, Updates On Variants, And Best Practices For Caring For Persons In Care With COVID-19

- This PIN announces that on December 15, 2021, there will be an informational call with the ASC regarding COVID-19 variants and monoclonal antibodies. It aims to update strategies for working with COVI-19 affected visitors.
- The call is entitled, "Working Through Challenging Situations as the COVID-19 Pandemic Continues". This informational call is scheduled for December 15, 2021, and features a panel discussion for further questions and discussions.

#### PIN 21-51-ASC - Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccine Additional and Booster Doses

- This PIN aims to inform the ASC about the third dose and booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The CDC reports that the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccine weakens overtime, it is recommended that booster shots be given for the elderly and residents classified as vulnerable to maintain optimum immunity.
- In lieu of the Omicron variant, and the likes of the upcoming flu season, the CDC recommends licensees to also administer flu vaccines and booster shots for the COVID-19 vaccines, respectively.

#### PIN 21-53-ASC - Adult and Senior Care Facility Worker Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccination and Booster Requirements

- This PIN notifies all ASC licensees about the COVID19 vaccination and booster requirements for all workers of ASC facilities. Facility staff who work in an indoor setting is required to be fully vaccinated and receive booster dose
- Facility staff who work indoors are required to be fully vaccinated by no later than February 1,2022. Those who are not yet eligible for boosters must be compliant no later than 15 days after the suggested period for getting booster.

Source : <u>cdss.ca.gov</u>

## 6BEDS PROFESSIONAL PAYING MEMBER (PPM)

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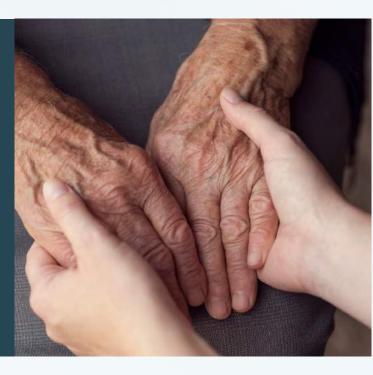


#### Professional Paying Members (PPM) Benefits

- Invitation to CaretoTalk Member exclusive webinar for PPM (including ppt presentation and recording via member portal)
- Lobbying at State Capitol to help protect and expand residential care, including lobbying for rate increases and finding funding sources for ARFs and RCFEs
- Stakeholder seats with the Department of Social Services, Department of Developmental Services, Department of Federal and State Labor.
- Access to purchase Wage and Hour Guide and all updates from Littler, (Exclusive access to PPM only)
- The Voice Quarterly Newsletter for all current news pertaining to ARFs and RCFEs
- Access to exclusive 6Beds training.
- Call or Text 1-833-My6Beds (1-833-696-2337) for questions, free for simple questions and discounted consulting fees for complex questions
- Access to member only portal
- Vendor Discounts

DD Corner

# COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES (CCF) SERVING INDIVIDUALS WITH DD RATE STUDY IMPLEMENTATION



#### Rate Study Implementation

Department The of Developmental Services (DDS) submitted to the Legislature in March 2019 a rate addressing the sustainability, quality, and transparency of community-based services for people with developmental disabilities. The timeframe for adopting the rate models created in the rate study is given forward by Welfare and Institutions Code 4519.10.

- "Effective April 1, 2022, the department shall implement a rate increase for service providers that equals one-quarter of the difference between current rates and the fully-funded rate model for each provider."
- "Effective July 1, 2023, and continuing through the 2024-25 fiscal year, the department shall adjust rates to equal one-half of the difference between rates in effect March 31, 2022, and the fully-funded rate model for each provider, and additional funding shall be available for the quality incentive program described in subdivision (e)."
- "Commencing July 1, 2025, the department shall implement the fully-funded rate models using two payment components, a base rate equaling 90 percent of the rate model, and a quality incentive payment, equaling up to 10 percent of the rate model, to be implemented through the quality incentive program described in subdivision (e)."

DD Corner

## Developmental Services (DS) Task Force Meeting Summary

Department of Developmental The Services or DDS, which serves individuals with developmental disabilities, held a meeting last December 17, 2021. A couple of topics were tackled about the plans, goals, and improvements for the organization. The first part of the meeting agenda discussed updates, such as adjustment, Regional Center measures workgroup, quality incentives workgroup, Service Access & Equity (SAE) Initiatives, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Self Determination Program (SDP), and Covid-19. This is followed by the discussion about Developmental Services Task Meeting (DSTF) Purpose and Guiding principles before the closing comments.

In the first part, as what was discussed within the topic about rate adjustment implementation, they pointed out areas that are needed to be arranged and improved; Enhanced Person-centered, Outcomes-based System, Incentive Program, Annual Rate Adjustments and Full Model Rate Implementation. A timeline also provided showing the target adjustment from 2022 to 2025, (you may refer to page 27: Rate Adjustment <u>Example</u>) starting from 25%. This is followed by the next topic under the updates, which is the Regional Center Measures Workgroup. This involves the discussion about monthly meetings, guiding principles, types of measures, and a set of priority areas of measures, including equity in service access, person-centered planning, consumer and family experience, and satisfaction and innovation in service availability.

RC measures also included future discussions involving the meaningful variation in RC performance, incentive, effective and meaningful measures, real-time data, and training on the measures selected, which can be detailed on the provided timeline starting from Sept 2021, every other month up to April 2022. Moving on to the quality incentive program workgroup themes, a suggestion from the last meeting was lined up, such as the utilization of guiding principles and inclusion of more self-advocates and family members. Other suggestions were also acknowledged, such as focusing on a few major measures, person-centered measures, and analyzing based on race and other aspects.

DD Corner

#### Developmental Services (DS) Task Force Meeting Summary

Regarding Equity Initiatives, which is the next part of updates, these programs were listed: Implicit Bias Training, Early Start Tribal Outreach, Independent Evaluation of Grant Program, Community Navigator Program, Enhanced Service Coordination, and Community Engagement, together with some additional incentives. As we go to SDP or the Self Determination Program, a line graph shows the rise of enrollments every month from December 2019, with 112 participants skyrocketing to 922 by October 2021 (you may refer to page 27: SDP STATEWITDE ENROLLMENT ). The majority of the enrollees according to Statewide Enrollment of Non-Pilot SDP Participants by Ethnicity were White while the lowest number was Black/African American. As Covid-19 spreads, changes were also observed. According to the Sitewide and Regional Center Report, the highest number of positive cases of Covid-19 reported was by the month of January 2021, and the majority of them were Hispanic. Alongside with the cases, vaccination was also recorded showing nearly one-third of consumers are known to be fully vaccinated with White as the highest number. And lastly, for the ARPA or American Rescue Plan Act, they computed total funds needed for Home and Community-Based Services Spending Plan and Early Start Plan: \$1.2 Billion for Spending Plan and \$24 Million for Early Start Part C.

As the meeting came to an end, a summary of DS Task Force Guiding Principles was presented. This includes the importance of consumer choice, health and safety prevention, accountability, development, and technology.

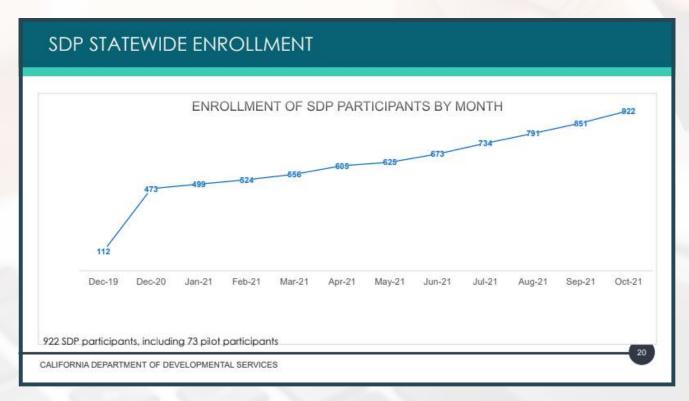
After which, the meeting officially ended.

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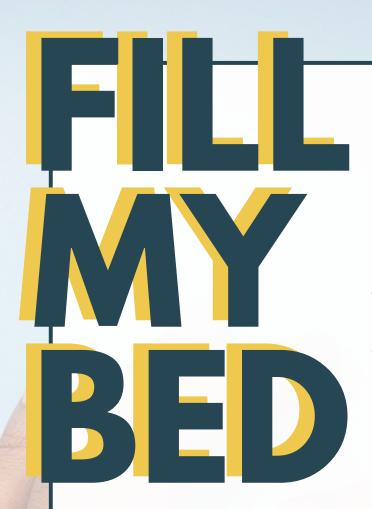
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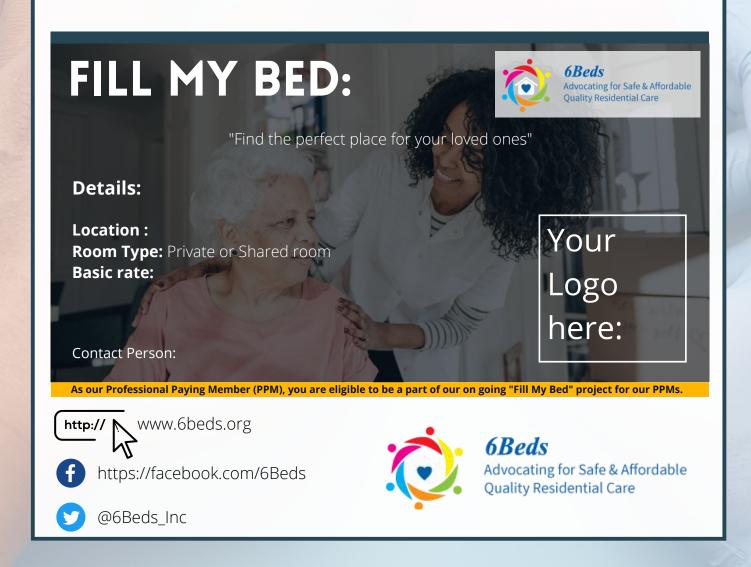
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