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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.



[www.6beds.org](http://www.6beds.org)



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**DATE**  
23 APRIL



**TIME**  
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

# 2024 6BEDS 10TH ADVOCACY DAY

Early Bird Alert! Secure your spot NOW and gain exclusive access for a limited time. Don't miss this opportunity to be a champion for your residents and your business!



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Elevate Your Impact: Join the 6Beds Advocacy Day Webinar, April 23, 2024  
April 23, 2024 | 8am 2pm  
Online via Zoom

**Advocacy Day Recording**





# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The California Legislature is in its second year of a 2-year session. Senate and Assembly bills that are still viable must be in the other house i.e. Assembly bills must have passed the Assembly and now be scheduled for a hearing in the Senate and vice versa. Policy committees must hear and report all bills prior to the Legislature's summer recess beginning on July 3rd. The Legislature returns from break on August 5th and has until August 16th to send bills to the floor of the Senate/Assembly for a vote by the entire house (Senate or Assembly). The Legislature adjourns for the year on August 31st.

There are literally more than 1,000 bills still under consideration. Here are the 5 priority bills that 6beds lobbyists and board members have actively engaged on -

**SUPPORT: AB 1993 (Kalra)**--Residential care facilities for the elderly: maximum number of residents. Expands from six to 8 the number of residents that can reside in an RCFE without having to get a conditional use permit. Will be amended to incorporate the DSS regulation limiting the number of residents to 2 per bedroom. The bill is cosponsored by 6beds and the California Commission on Aging. It passed unanimously out of the Assembly Human Services Committee and off of the Assembly floor with a vote of 65-2. The bill will be heard next in the Senate Human Services Committee - not yet scheduled.



**OPPOSE: AB 1911 (Reyes)**--Residential care facilities: complaints. This bill sets statutory deadlines for DSS to act on complaints and report status to complainants. So far, no problem. But it also gives the complainants the right to appeal. We are concerned that the Department, already short of staff to perform their existing functions, will get bogged down even more if they have to handle these appeals. We are opposing the bill unless the bill is amended to remove the complainant's right to appeal. The bill will be heard next on June 17th in the Senate Human Services Committee.

**OPPOSE: SB 1406 (Allen)**--Residential care facilities for the elderly: resident services. This bill imposes a cap on how much RCFE fees can be raised from year to year. Right now, the formula in the bill is 5% plus the consumer price index. There is discussion around a one half of the labor index increase. There is an exemption for changes in level of care. The bill also gives residents the right to refuse service and requires RCFEs to honor the request. 6beds is opposing the bill on the grounds that RCFE costs are not in our control and tend to rise faster than the CPI, so that an apartment rent control model does not work. We also oppose the right to refuse service, which could jeopardize the safety of the resident refusing service and other residents and staff. 6Beds lobbyists have been in frequent negotiations with the author, his staff, the bill sponsors and senior representatives of the Department of Social Services. The bill will be heard next in the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care on June 18th.

**OPPOSE**



**OPPOSE: AB 2773 (Kalra)**--Elders and dependent adults: abuse or neglect. This bill would lower the burden of proof for finding liability for elder abuse, limited to situations when the licensee has engaged in willful destruction of evidence ("spoliation"). This bill is sponsored by the Consumer Attorneys and is identical to a bill (AB 859 ) (Laird)) we opposed in 2017 that was vetoed by Gov. Jerry Brown. 6beds is opposed on the grounds that it would attract more lawsuits with settlement demands, further driving up insurance costs. 6beds has enjoyed a very positive longstanding relationship with Assemblymember Kalra (he is the author of our bed expansion bill), and we will continue to work with him and his staff with the hopes of resolving 6beds concerns with the bill. The bill will be heard next in the Senate Judiciary Committee - not yet scheduled.

**SUPPORT: SB 875 (Glazer)** - Residential care facilities for the elderly - referral agencies. This bill would require the licensure of agencies that refer consumers to residential care facilities for the elderly by the Department of Social Services. The bill would require new disclosures, background checks for licensee representatives, cessation of contact and data sharing once requested. The bill is co-sponsored by ActEight and A Place for Mom. 6beds lobbyists have been in frequent ongoing negotiations with the author, sponsors and opposition to the bill with the goal to amend the bill in such a way to provide strong meaningful protections for families and potential residents as well as transparency and protections for 6beds members. SB 875 is the 6th attempt by the Legislature to regulate the referral agency industry, beginning as far back as 2015. The bill is scheduled to be heard next on June 11th in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

# 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](mailto:ccldpolicynotification@dss.ca.gov)

## **PIN 24-06-CCLD - Use Of The Everbridge Emergency Notification System To Notify Licensees And Providers Of Disasters And Emergencies**

- The Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) will continue to use the Everbridge Emergency Notification System to alert licensed facilities about disasters and emergencies such as wildfires, earthquakes, and extreme weather events. Notifications will be sent via text or email, and there are two types: those requesting a response about your facility's operational status, particularly during evacuation events, and those that are strictly informational.
- For notifications requiring a response, licensees have one hour to reply with their facility's status using text, email, or phone. If no response is received, the local Regional Office (RO) will follow up directly. Facilities should ensure their contact information is current with the RO and regularly review and update their Emergency Disaster Plans to remain compliant and prepared.

## **PIN 24-04-ASC - (Supersedes PIN 24-01-ASC) Updated Guidance On Respiratory Viruses Including COVID-19, Influenza, And Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)**

- The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is updating its guidance to move away from a COVID-19-specific framework, aligning with broader respiratory virus recommendations from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). This update reflects the reduced impact of COVID-19 due to widespread immunity and available treatments. The new guidance includes updated masking protocols and the removal of COVID-19-specific screening, isolation, testing, and visitation procedures.
- Licensees must continue following the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) COVID-19 Prevention Regulations and maintain their ASC Infection Control Plans according to updated CDPH recommendations. Facilities are advised to reconcile differing guidance from various health authorities by adhering to the strictest requirements and updating their infection control measures accordingly, particularly in preparation for any declared emergencies.

Source : [cdss.ca.gov](https://cdss.ca.gov)

# 6BEDS PROFESSIONAL PAYING MEMBER (PPM)

## How You Can Be A 6Beds Professional Paying Member

You may join us at 6Beds for as little as \$1.67 a day or \$50 a month regardless of how many licensed homes you have. You can also opt for different payment method:

**\$50 - MONTHLY PAYMENT**

**\$150 - QUARTERLY PAYMENT**

**\$300 - SEMI-ANNUALLY PAYMENT**

**\$600 - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT**

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PROFESSIONAL PAYING MEMBERS RECEIVE  
EXCLUSIVE TO MEMBER ONLY BENEFITS

6BEDS is a Mutual Benefit NON-PROFIT Corporation.  
Part of the membership dues is tax-deductible (consult  
with your tax advisor).

**Membership dues are non-refundable.**

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## EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

### 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**

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## OUR ADVOCACY AND GOALS



## Why Contribute?

One of our missions is to provide shelter and care to a large number of low-income elderly in the state of California, with the ultimate goal of helping end homelessness. 6Beds promotes and stands by ARFs and RCFEs that are licensed by the state and is subjected to an extensive licensing process as well as ongoing check and balance from the State through unannounced inspections, unlike those of room and board who do not provide care and are unlicensed facilities. At 6Beds, we advocate for safe, affordable housing that meets the needs of Californians with disabilities by providing the best possible care.

## Contribute to Support our Advocacy!

Contribute Now Button (<https://6beds.org/contribute-now/#contribute>)

Your generous contribution can make a significant difference in our advocacy and in our mission to provide shelter and care to our frail elderly and adults with disabilities, including mental illness. Contribute to help end homelessness in California.



# AB 1993 KALRA STATUS: PASSED

*"As a result of a limited supply of housing coupled with the rising cost of living, more and more California families are being displaced or forced into financial hardship. While we have made some progress to address our state's housing crisis, there is still much to be done to ensure people can afford to live in the communities where they work," said Assemblymember Kalra. "This is why I have put forth these four bills that collectively will protect renters, increase housing availability, and support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our state. I am thankful for my Assembly colleagues' support and look forward to continuing the work in the Senate."*

AB 1993 allows Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) homes to serve up to eight individuals which will unlock homes for thousands of residents, providing both housing and care for the state's aging population. Older adults are the fastest-growing population of unhoused persons in California and those who require assistance with daily activities have an exceptionally hard time finding accommodations. The bill will help older adults remain in their communities and in proximity to their loved ones while receiving the 24-hour non-medical care they need.



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# 6BEDS 2024

## ARF & RCFE 10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

📅 Friday,  
August 23, 2024

🕒 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

📍 Laguna Hills Community Center,  
25555 Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Hills,  
CA 92653, United States

*Why you need to be there?*

*Essential Insights: Get critical updates from the Department of Social Services, Department of Developmental Services, and Regional Centers on regulatory compliance.*

# 6BEDS 2024

## GALA AND AWARDS NIGHT

📅 Saturday,  
August 24, 2024

🕒 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM Midnight

📍 Marriott Hotel 4700 Airport Plaza  
Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815

*Celebrate with us the excellence of select ARF and RCFE caregivers, administrators, and operators. Let's recognize and honor caregivers, administrators and operators for many years of excellent service, hard work and dedication to their residents.*

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### 10th Year Anniversary Conference

- Date: August 23, 2024 (Friday)
- Time: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Location: Heritage Room, Laguna Hills Community Center
- Reserve Your Spot Today!

### 10th Anniversary Gala and Awards Night

- Date: August 24, 2024
- Time: 6:00 pm – 12:00 am
- Location: Marriott Hotel Long Beach
- Reserve Your Spot Today!

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Link to: [Apollo Home Health Care](#)



## **DosePacker**

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Link to: [DosePacker Inc.](#)

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Senior Wellness  
Solutions

## Senior Wellness Solutions

**Service and/or product:** RCFE Admin. Complete 6-bed RCFE resident / medication management solution with DSS compliant automated pharmacy integration.

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## Achieve Health Management LLC

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Link to: [Achieve Health Management LLC](#)



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## ARFDD



**Service and/or product:** Development, Program Design and Licensing Assistance for ARF and RCFE serving individuals with Developmental Disabilities

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Link to: [ARFDD](#)

## Clear Choice Senior Services



**Service and/or product:** Providing education, guidance, and price negotiation. We are a local company with local advisors who know the facilities available within driving distance of our location. We will walk you through the process, from that first phone call to placement with the ideal senior living arrangement.

**For more information:**

Clear Choice Senior Services

Linda Armas

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Link to : [Clear Choice Senior Services](#)

## Gould, Hahn, & Reinhardt



**Service and/or product:** Legal services for RCF operators with DSS compliance and Employment

**For more information:**

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2550 Ninth Street #101, Berkeley, California 94710 United States

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Link to: [Gould & Hahn](#)



## **Libertana**

**Service and/or product:** Assisted Living Waiver Care Coordination Agency

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Link to: [Libertana](#)



## **Mae Villanueva**

**Service and/or product:** Mediation and Conciliation

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Link to: [Mae Villanueva](#)



## **S3C Energy Inc.**

**Service and/or product:** Solar

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## Senior Community Learning

**Service and/or product:** Administrator CEUs/Staff Training

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Link to: [Senior Community Learning](#)



## Universal Hospice Care LLC

**Service and/or product:** Hospice Care

**For more information:**

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Link to: [Universal Home Health and Hospice Care](#)

# 6Beds VENDOR EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS


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**TIER 1**  
\$3,988/Year

**TIER 2**  
\$1,488/Year

Table at all 6Beds statewide events:

1. **Advocacy Day**  
2nd Week in April
2. **Annual Conference**  
4th Friday in August
3. **Annual Gala & Awards Night**  
4th Friday or Saturday in Aug  
2 seats + Company Logo in Red Carpet Banner
4. **1-3 Training Seminars/Year**

FREE

 50%  
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Link to vendor website


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**Monthly**  
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**Quarterly**  
(4x/Year)

Vendor Feature for The Voice Quarterly Newsletter


 Special Vendor Mention for CAREtoTALK  
Webinar Series monthly (1 powerpoint slide  
with vendor services provided and contact information)

 Featured Vendor for CAREtoTALK Webinar Series  
(10 minute presentation of services offered)

 Featured Vendor on 6Beds Facebook Group  
with over 15,705 likes/followers

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# QUOTE of the QUARTER

THE GREATEST GIFT  
YOU CAN GIVE  
SOMEONE IS YOUR TIME  
BECAUSE WHEN YOU  
GIVE YOUR TIME, YOU  
ARE GIVING A PORTION  
OF YOUR LIFE THAT  
YOU WILL NEVER GET  
BACK.

~ANONYMOUS~