

Our Mission

To serve and empower persons with developmental disabilities and their families to achieve their goals with community partners.

Our Vision

Persons with developmental disabilities will live productive and satisfying lives as valued members of their communities.

Per W&I 4691.9:

(1) A regional center shall not pay an existing service provider, for services where rates are determined through a negotiation between the regional center and the provider.

NOTE: California Department of Health Care Services' Medi-Cal Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) and Self-Determination Program (SDP) rates are not eligible for Health & Safety Waivers because those rates are already established outside of the regional center.

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Health & Safety Waiver





What is a Health & Safety Waiver?

The H&S Waiver authorizes the Department to approve exemptions to rate freezes for the purpose of mitigating risks to consumer health and safety.

What kinds of risks are eligible for a waiver?

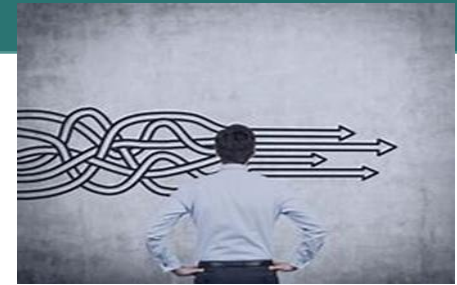
- Medical
- Behavioral
- Supported Living Services
- Transportation
- Socialization Training Programs
- Community Integration Services
- Mobile day programs
- Supplemental day services

Why would an individual require a Health & Safety Waiver?

A H&S Waiver can be utilized in order to assist a consumer:

- Transition from a developmental center to the community
- Transition from an institution for Mental Diseases to the community
- Transition from an out-of-state placement back to California
- Who is at risk of admission out of state
- Who is at risk of admission to a state-operated acute setting
- Who is in a situation where if an exemption is not made, the vendor cannot serve an individual and either the consumer's or others' health or safety will most likely be at risk

How do I Apply?



Steps to requesting a H&S Waiver:

Step 1: SC/Vendor identify a need

Step 2: Vendor completes the "Potential Health & Safety Waiver Questionnaire"

Step 3: Questionnaire is reviewed by the Health & Safety Specialist

Step 4: If approved, vendor completes the process to begin the H&S request on letterhead and email to Health & Safety Specialist, along with the H&S Waiver Request Worksheet

Step 5: SDRC completes the Waiver Request and Checklist and sends to DDS within 30 days of receiving the waiver from vendor

Step 6: DDS will review and respond to SDRC within five days.