

Dear **XX provider name here XX**,

Public Health Emergency Medi-Cal 1135 Waiver allows for a 60-day of Medi-Cal Certification period under a temporarily streamlined criteria, for all specialty mental health services (SHMS) programs. As previously communicated via ACBH memo dated April 13th, 2020, titled “Medi-Cal Site Certifications During COVID-19 Emergency”, also available on ACBH providers’ website (<http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/QA/memos.htm>), the 60-day emergency waiver may be extended in 60-day increments, as necessary and as approved by DHCS. Should the 1135 waiver be extended, no further action will be required by the approved providers.

Upon conclusion of the emergency waiver period, affected SMHS providers will be required to meet full Medi-Cal site certification requirements, including the requirement for onsite review and fire clearance, where any such requirement was temporarily waived during the 1135 waiver period. Upon the lifting of COVID-19 public health emergency, ACBH will resume onsite reviews and collect any outstanding documents, including valid and current fire clearance certificates from affected SMHS providers, which will be required for submission to DHCS no later than by 90 days from the conclusion of the COVID-19 emergency waiver.

Please be prepared to provide the following outstanding items, which will need to be submitted for the program(s) listed in attached letter, within 90 days from the lifting of COVID-19 public health emergency waiver:

- 1. Onsite review/site visit**
- 2. Fire Clearance certificate**
- 3. other items as applicable**

If you already have any of the above items, have any questions or need assistance with the certification process, email us at SiteCertification@acgov.org. Please ensure to include your agency name.

