



SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER



HEALTH AND SAFETY WAIVER FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

Welfare & Institutions Code sections 4681.6, 4648.4(b), 4681.5, 4684.55, 4689.8, 4691.6 and 4691.9 authorize the Department of Developmental Services (Department) to approve exemptions to rate freezes for the purpose of mitigating risks to and individual’s health and safety. The budget Act of 2021 allocated funding to facilitate the application for Health and Safety Waivers for non-English speaking or deaf and hard of hearing individuals that may have unaddressed needs.

The objective of the above guidelines is to lessen the health and safety risk of the individuals we serve, who are in great need of enhanced services beyond what is available.

While the Department recognizes challenges the provider may be facing, the Health and Safety waiver exemption process is not a mechanism for making a provider’s business viable. Requests must be directly linked to the health and safety of the individuals receiving services and the Department cannot approve requests that fail to establish this basis.

APPLICABLE SERVICES

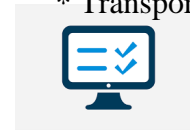


The Health and Safety waiver exemption applies only to respite and negotiated rates including

- * Adaptive skills trainer (training)
- * Alternative Residential Model rate homes (level changes only)
- * Behavior intervention trainings
- * Mobile day programs
- * Supported living services
- * Transportation



REQUEST PROCESS



1. The Health and Safety Waiver request must be discussed by the Individual’s I.D. Team at the IPP meeting, quarterly review or informal meeting.
2. Upon regional center agreement of the request, the vendor must submit a formal written request. This must be in the form of a letter addressed to the Community Services case manager.
3. The request letter must address the individual’s health and safety risk and reflect Person-Centered practices such as Important To and Important For, including strengths and barriers.
4. The vendor must complete the DDS budget worksheet and submit it to the regional center H&S Waiver Specialist for review.



REVIEW PROCESS

1. The regional center team will review the DDS budget worksheet and collaborate with the vendor to address any related inquiries.
2. The Health & Safety Waiver Specialist will submit the request to the regional center Executive Director for approval and follow-up on any additional information requested.
3. The Executive Director will submit the approved request to the Department and follow-up on any related correspondence.
4. Upon approval of the exemption, the vendor will receive notification from the regional center and the SARC case manager will issue the required documents to reflect the rate adjustment.