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TO: ALL RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY FOR THE ELDERLY (RCFE)
LICENSEES

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SUBJECT: **ADMISSION AGREEMENTS IN RCFEs – REGULATIONS**

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

Effective April 1, 2017, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22 regulations specific to RCFEs have been amended as follows:

- Definitions**
Add and amend applicable definitions.
- Basic Services**
Clarify what basic services a licensee shall provide in order to obtain and maintain licensure.
- Admission Agreements**
Clarify requirements related to admission agreements.
- Advertising, Special Dementia Care, Programming and Environments**
Require licensee to provide a description of applicable program and services.

These regulations expand requirements for admission agreements, increase understanding of the roles and responsibilities of residents and licensees, and empower residents and prospective residents with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their care.

Definitions

Amends specific sections of CCR, Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 8, Section 87101

Amended regulations to add definitions for “Admission Agreement,” “Nonrecurring Lump-Sum Assessment,” “Preadmission Fee” and “Representative” and amended definitions for “Basic Services,” “Community Care Facility,” “Hospice or Hospice Agency,” and “Responsible Person.”

Basic Services

Amends specific section of CCR, Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 8, Section 87464

Amended regulations to clarify that basic services shall at a minimum also include “care and supervision” in addition to other requirements included in this section.

Admission Agreements

Amends specific sections of CCR, Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 8, Section 87507

Amended regulations to clarify requirements related to RCFE admission agreements including: formatting; posting requirements; charging of fees for basic and additional services; billing practices; modification conditions and related notice requirements; refund conditions and applicable refund schedules; facility policies concerning family visits and other communication with residents and general facility policies for the purposes of making it possible for residents to live together; notice of grievance procedures; involuntary transfer and evictions; provisions that are not permitted; and, notice of resident rights.

Advertising, Special Dementia Care, Programming and Environments

Amends specific sections of CCR, Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 8, Section 87706

Amended regulations to clarify requirement for licensees who advertise, promote, or otherwise hold themselves out as providing specialized care, programming, and/or environments for residents with dementia or related disorders, to provide a description of the program and services.

To view all RCFE regulations, you may find these at:

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Letters-Regulations/Legislation-and-Regulations/Community-Care-Licensing-Regulations/Residential>

If you have any questions, please contact the applicable Adult and Senior Care [Regional Office](#).