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PIN 18-09-CCLD

TO: ALL COMMUNITY CARE LICENSED PROVIDERS

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SUBJECT: **RED FLAG FIRE WARNINGS AND SHUTTING OFF POWER FOR SAFETY**

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

PIN 18-09-CCLD provides information to providers regarding red flag fire warnings and shutting off power for safety throughout California.

Both Northern and Southern California are facing "[Red Flag Fire Warnings](#)", which is the highest fire alert due to critical weather and dry conditions. During these times residents are urged to exercise extreme caution because a simple spark can cause a major wildfire.

California power companies have begun to, or are expected to, turn off power for public safety in various regions throughout the state due to wind and high fire hazard. Public safety power shutoffs are necessary to help reduce risk of wildfire and to keep customers, homes, and businesses safe. These outages are likely to happen again in the future, as a preemptive firefighting strategy to reduce wildfire risks more aggressively.

In the worst case scenario, power could be off for up to five (5) days to allow time to check the system is checked for safety and restart it.

Note: Downed power lines may be energized and extremely dangerous. Do not touch

or try to move them, keep children and animals away from them, leave the area immediately and call 911.

Emergency Plan Updates and CCLD Assistance

CCLD reminds providers to review their facility's emergency plan and to be prepared to continue providing care and supervision to clients or residents. A facility's emergency plan should include:

- Up-to-date emergency telephone numbers
- Contingency plans in the event utilities serving the facility, such as electricity, go out.
- An evacuation plan in case residents or clients need to be moved to an emergency shelter
- Supplies for sheltering in place

Report any emergency-related injuries, illnesses, or deaths to the local licensing office. Contact your local licensing regional office for questions or other assistance.

Additional Resources

The following websites are resources to help assist providers in being prepared during emergencies:

- [California Office of Emergency Services \(Cal OES\)](#)
- National Weather Service [Watches, Warnings or Advisories for California](#)

If you have any questions regarding this PIN, please contact your local regional office.