

Hospice Licensure

Step by Step Accreditation Process for Hospice Licensure in California



The California Department of Public Health has approved Joint Commission accreditation as an option for hospice providers in California to obtain initial licensure and re-licensure.

- Agencies applying with The Joint Commission for their initial licensure survey will need to undergo the Early Process Option (ESO) which will consist of two onsite survey events.
- Upon receipt of your application and deposit you'll begin to work with your dedicated Joint Commission Account Executive who will schedule the first of two surveys.
- The first survey uses a limited set of standards to assess the agencies' compliance with requirements for the physical facilities, policies and procedures, plans, and related structural considerations. The Joint Commission then grants a Limited, Temporary Accreditation (LTA) to an organization that has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the limited set of standards.
- The Joint Commission will submit a copy of the agencies' LTA award letter and survey report to CDPH; upon receipt, CDPH will issue a provisional license to the agency.
- After you have begun operations, and have met the minimum patient thresholds, The Joint Commission will return on-site to perform a full accreditation survey, that will evaluate the safety and quality of the care being provided in accordance with our full set of standards.

Please note:

- Agencies wishing to pursue Joint Commission accreditation in lieu of a state survey will need to submit an application for an initial license to CDPH with a cover letter selecting the Joint Commission survey option.
- If you indicate that you are seeking to leverage accreditation to also meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation, a deemed status survey will be conducted during your second survey.

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