



# Developmental Services Conference

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### **CAHF: Summer Conference**

The CAHF *Summer Conference* is July 16 to July 19th, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency, Long Beach. Please [click here for our brochure](#). You may register for the three-day event online, please [click here for registration](#). There is a lower cost registration fee for the Developmental Services Conference on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The cost of the registration for July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will also include access to the entire three-day conference.

### **CAHF: QIDP Class**

CAHF is presenting a QIDP class on May 16 and 17, 2017 in Redlands, CA

A BIG 'THANK YOU' to Mary Jann and Vivian Limas. [Click here for flyer.](#)

### **CMS: Emergency Preparedness Requirements**

CMS has published expanded disaster preparedness requirements that affect the ICFs/DD, DD-H and DD-N facilities, effective November 2017. Provider trainings opportunities are ongoing. [Click her for a copy of Really Ready for information on upcoming trainings.](#)

## **CMS / CDPH: Life Safety Code (LSC)**

CDPH began to survey facilities for compliance with the **2012 edition of the LSC on November 1, 2016**. The new requirements include a ‘protected’ implementation date of July 5, 2019 for the regulation K359 (Sprinklers/Heat Detection in Attics). Currently discussions with CDPH are ongoing for the protected implementation date, as on occasion; LSC Surveyors are requiring an immediate plan of correction. Be familiar with your consumers’ evacuation ratings, as the ratings will instruct/guide the Surveyor as to what requirements to inspect on the survey. [Click here for information for ratings.](#) [Click here for a copy of the LSC workbook.](#)

## **CMS: Webinars (PER AHCA)**

Providers have asked if CMS could make archived ICF/IID webinars on W249 (Continuous Active Treatment) and W120 (Outside Services) available to them. These webinars (about 90 minutes each) are now available for providers to view. Please follow the instructions below to access the webinars.

Click on ‘I am a Provider’, select Web-based Training and you will see the W249 and W120 archived webinars half way down the page.

<http://surveyortraining.cms.hhs.gov/>

## **California Coalition for Compassionate Care: Advance Care Planning**

Many of the conversations that surround end-of-life care include concepts and language that are challenging to follow, especially for people with developmental disabilities. Together with their partners, CCCC created a guide that enables people with developmental disabilities to advocate for themselves and stay in control of their lives through the very end.

**Thinking Ahead: My Life at the End** (PDF) contains words, symbols and pictures that facilitate discussion with and decision-making by persons with developmental disabilities regarding their values, goals and treatment preferences at the end of life. [The video](#) serves as an instruction manual, containing vignettes that illustrate in simple, graphic format the purpose and use of the materials. To order a free hardcopy of the Thinking Ahead workbook and DVD, [contact us](#) today.

“Thinking Ahead: My Life At The End” workbook available in...

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Korean](#)
- [Chinese](#)

**UPDATE - AB 251: Delay in adoption of regulations for ICF/DD-N and CNC facilities.**

AB 251 proposes to extend the scheduled sunset of the 'Department of Public Health' and 'Department of Developmental Services' authority to use federal certification standards for certain types of specialty clinics and health care facilities as the state licensure standards for those types of clinics and facilities. The bill also extends the deadline by which the Departments shall adopt regulations relating to licensure of these types of specialty clinics and facilities. (ICF/DD-N facilities and the ICF/DD-CNC facilities) to **2020**, which is one year longer than originally proposed. The "CNC" facility type began as pilot program in **1999** and converted to a waiver program - currently under the AH/NF waiver of the DHCS and does not have regulations for the classification. There will be no rate setting for this provider category until the regulations have been promulgated. More importantly, the ICF-DD/N regulations have not been re-submitted to the Secretary of State for approval since **1989**. A delay of the sunset date is unreasonable with the history of inability to fulfill the mandate to promulgate regulations for the ICF/DD-N and ICF/DD-CNC facility types.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS): Four Bed Model**

A proposal for a four bed model to include research for cost and operational processes has been submitted to DDS on April 20, 2017

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES (DHCS): Five Year TAR**

A proposal for extending the re-authorization of a TAR from 2 years to five years has been submitted to the Department on March 1st, 2017.

**AHCA: October Conference**

The AHCA IID conference will be held in Las Vegas, NV on October 17, 2017.

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