



Office of Legal Services · Public Records Act Unit

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RE: Public Records Request of August 26, 2026. Reference # R008031-082626

Dear Ms. Wendy McEntyre,

On August 26, 2026, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) received your request for records under the Public Records Act. We believe that we possess records that fall within the scope of your request, and we are now in the process of gathering and reviewing the requested records.

Some of the requested records or portions of the records may be exempt from production. For example, personnel, medical or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy are exempt from disclosure (Cal. Gov't Code section 7927.700). If any of the requested records are redacted or withheld, you will be notified of the reasons.

At present, the Department does not track Substance Use Disorder (SUD) facilities by funding source. Your request, if applied to all currently licensed and certified SUD facilities, would encompass hundreds of facilities and many thousands of records. Producing the full set of requested documents for all facilities would require a substantial amount of time, likely several years, due to the volume of licensing files, complaint investigations, enforcement actions, and related materials that must be retrieved, reviewed, and appropriately redacted prior to release.

Your request indicates you are interested in a possible phased or prioritized production. To help us determine potential prioritization and expedite fulfillment, could you please provide one of the following:

- A list of the specific facilities you would like us to search for first;
- A defined region or county you are most interested in receiving records for first; and/or
- A specific year you would like the records for first.

Please let us know if there is other criteria you would like to use to prioritize records for this production. Additionally, please let us know if you would like a sample set of full facility files, with appropriate redactions, to compare the full files and the reports contained therein to determine whether limiting the request to the reports only would fulfill your request.

Sincerely,

DHCS PRA Coordinator

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California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

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