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In response to the wildfires across two California counties (Los Angeles and Ventura), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary declared a public health emergency (PHE) in California on January 10, 2025, and authorized a Section 1135 waiver, effective January 12, 2025, with retroactive effect to January 7, 2025.

On January 17, 2025, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) received additional [federal flexibilities](#) for the Southern California wildfires from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which identified additional instruction and flexibilities during this PHE. The federal flexibilities are identified below.

Provider Enrollment

DHCS has obtained the Section 1135 waiver authority to suspend certain provider enrollment requirements in order to maintain capacity to meet Medi-Cal member access needs and to enable reimbursement to providers for medical services provided to Medi-Cal members. During the approved Section 1135 waiver period, DHCS will streamline the enrollment of these providers and will apply the flexibilities granted statewide. For more information, please see the DHCS Provider Enrollment Division's article "[Informational Bulletin Regarding Disaster Relief for Providers](#)".

For enrollment information and questions, please contact the Provider Enrollment Division at (916) 323-1945.

TRAINING SEMINARS

To reserve a spot online or view a complete list of training seminars, go to the [Provider Training Seminar Schedule](#).

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