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Vital Updates

Dual Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)

Effective January 1, 2026, KFHC is offering a Dual Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) aimed at expanding access to coordinate care for members eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, called **Kern Family Health Care Medicare (D-SNP)**. Provider resources related to the D-SNP are available [here](#).



NCQA Accreditation

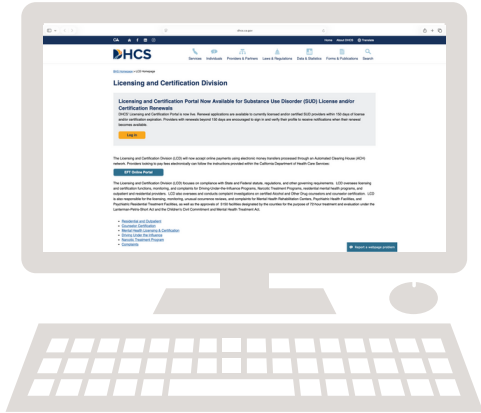
Kern Family Health Care is proud to announce that we have achieved both **NCQA Health Plan Accreditation (HPA)** and **NCQA Health Equity Accreditation (HEA)**, two nationally recognized distinctions that affirm our commitment to quality, equity and continuous improvement.



The **Health Plan Accreditation** validates our dedication to delivering high-quality, well-managed and efficient health care services. The **Health Equity Accreditation** highlights our ongoing efforts to reduce disparities and ensure equitable care for all members.

Together, these accreditations streamline our operations, align our standards with national best practices and reinforce our partnership with providers in improving member outcomes and addressing social determinants of health. This shared commitment to quality and equity strengthens our community, supports provider success and enhances the well-being of the populations we serve.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Launches an Online Licensing and Certification Portal



The DHCS recently launched the **Licensing and Certification Portal**. This digital portal streamlines the licensing and certification application process for providers operating DHCS-licensed and certified mental health and substance use disorder programs and facilities.

The new portal modernizes the prior paper-based process, allowing providers to apply, track progress and communicate with DHCS online. Renewal applications are available to substance use disorder providers within 150 days of license and/or certification expiration. Providers outside that window can sign in to verify their profile and receive notifications when their renewal becomes available.

Upcoming releases will include substance use disorder initial, level of care, and amendment applications, followed by mental health licensing and certification (for licensing and certification functions administered by DHCS). This is the first step in modernizing DHCS' licensing and certification systems. Please email any questions to BHTinfo@dhcs.ca.gov.

New January Vendors

DOULA

- Adriana Rodriguez (DBA: *The Helping Hand Doula*)
- Andrea Berenise Valadez (DBA: *Sacred Hummingbird Doula Services*)
- RYRA Incorporated (DBA: *Cecilia Holistic & Wellness Center*)

FAMILY PRACTICE PCP

- Apex Medical Clinics PC

GENERAL ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL

- Barlow Respiratory Hospital

OPHTHALMOLOGY

- Diana Katsman MD PHD Inc.

PODIATRY/WOUND CARE

- Rivello Wound Care Specialist PC

SUBACUTE/PEDS

- Mountain View Child Care Inc. (DBA: *Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital SNF/DP*)



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