

# Licensure for Home Health Agencies in California

Joint Commission Accreditation: The fast track to home health licensure and improved performance in California

The California Department of Public Health recognizes Joint Commission accreditation as an option for home health providers in California to obtain initial licensure and re-licensure. Are you ready to start the process? Take a look at our checklist below, or reach out to us to learn more.



## STEPS TO INITIAL LICENSURE

- Step 1:** Agency applies for licensure with the state
- Step 2:** State acknowledges and processes application for licensure
- Step 3:** Agency sends state letter of intent to seek Joint Commission accreditation in lieu of state survey
- Step 4:** State sends approval letter to agency The Joint Commission
- Step 5:** Submit your application and deposit to The Joint Commission
- Step 6:** Agency undergoes the Early Survey Option (ESO), consisting of two on site surveys
- Step 7:** Work with a dedicated account executive to schedule your first on-site survey, which reviews a limited set of standards to assess the agency's compliance
- Step 8:** Agencies demonstrating satisfactory compliance with a limited set of standards receive Limited Temporary Accreditation (LTA)
- Step 9:** The Joint Commission submits a copy of the LTA award letter and survey report to CDPH
- Step 10:** CDPH issues a provisional license to your agency
- Step 11:** Agency meets minimum patient thresholds
- Step 12:** The Joint Commission performs a second on site survey, evaluating safety and quality of care in accordance with our full set of standards. The Joint Commission will conduct a deemed status survey, if requested.

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