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PIN 26-02-HCS
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TO: HOME CARE ORGANIZATION LICENSEES

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SUBJECT: **2025 CHAPTERED LEGISLATION AFFECTING HOME CARE
ORGANIZATIONS: SUMMARY AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

PIN 26-02-HCS provides a summary of and implementation information for legislation chaptered in 2025 affecting licensed Home Care Organizations. The following bills are addressed in this PIN:

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 412: Home Care Aides](#)
[Senate Bill \(SB\) 582: Health and Care Facilities](#)

The changes to the statutes referenced in this PIN become operative January 1, 2026, unless otherwise specified.

ACTION REQUIRED

This bill requires action by Home Care Organization (HCO) licensees. Licensees should be aware that beginning January 1, 2027, the California Department of Social Services (Department) may use any of the oversight and compliance activities currently available to ensure compliance with HCS 1796.44.

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 412 \(Limón\) \(Human Services\), Chapter 414, Statutes of 2025](#)

Note: *Applies to HCOs*

Dementia Care Training Requirement (Amendments to Health and Safety Code Section 1796.44)

SB 412 amends Section 1796.44 of the Health and Safety Code (HSC) to require that, beginning January 1, 2027, all HCO licensees must ensure that the annual training completed by affiliated Home Care Aides (HCAs) includes the special care needs of clients with dementia. Applicants who apply for an HCO license on or after January 1, 2027, must include the special care needs of clients with dementia in the annual training plan submitted as part of their HCO application. The Department will not prescribe a specific curriculum but will verify that submitted training materials meet the statutory intent and cover essential dementia care competencies.

The Department will verify compliance with this annual training requirement through the HCO licensing process and inspections. HCOs must maintain documentation of their dementia training curriculum and ensure it is available for review during the license application, renewal, and inspections.

ADVISORY – ACTION AT LICENSEE’S DISCRETION

While not requiring action, this bill may support and/or impact an HCO’s operations, depending on the needs of the HCO. Licensees may choose to act as appropriate for their HCO. Licensees should be aware that beginning January 1, 2026, the Department may use any of the oversight and compliance activities currently available to ensure compliance with the statutes below.

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 582 \(Stern\) \(Human Services\), Chapter 546, Statutes of 2025](#)

Note: *Applies to HCOs*

Emergency and Disaster Inactive Licensing Status

SB 582, in part, adds Section 1796.64 and Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 1796.80) to Division 2 of the HSC. This bill allows an HCO licensee to request inactive license status if that HCO has become nonoperational because of its destruction, significant damage, or prolonged closure during or as a result of an emergency or disaster, as specified in HSC Section 1796.81.

Licensees requesting inactive status must notify the Department that the licensee intends to become operational again by rebuilding or reopening their HCO in the same location. To request inactive license status, the licensee must notify the Department of the request within 90 days of the emergency proclamation or declaration. The Department may extend the time to submit a request for inactive license status, subject to Department approval.

An HCO license in inactive license status is not valid, and an HCO may not operate during any period of inactive license status. Inactive license status is limited to no

more than two years but may be extended subject to Department approval. During the period of inactive license status, the Department may fully or partially waive the HCO licensing fee on a year-by-year basis. The licensee shall be responsible for complying with all licensing standards when inactive license status ends. The Department may inspect an HCO to determine if the licensee is operating during the period of inactive license status.

The Department may implement, interpret, or make specific these requirements by means of interim licensing standards until regulations are adopted.

If you have any questions regarding this PIN, please contact the [Home Care Services Branch](#) or (877) 424-5778.