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Important notice from the Department of Health Care Services, Department of Public Health and the Department of Managed Health Care about

Non-Discrimination in Medical Treatment

What to know

Hospitals and doctors have to treat you the same as anyone else when you're sick and need care, even if they are very busy.

They cannot decide to help someone else instead of you because you have a disability and the other person doesn't.

What the law says

The law says that doctors have to help you based on how sick you are. They can't decide you're not worth helping just because you have a disability.

Questions?

Please contact your local regional center. If they cannot help you, please email DDSC19@dds.ca.gov

Learn more

See the Department notice about Governor Gavin Newsom's declared State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Link to full text of the guidance:

[Joint Guidance on Non-Discrimination in Medical Treatment for COVID-19](#)