

**National Background Check Program
State of California**

Program Abstract

The overall goals of the CDPH and CDSS enhanced background check programs are to expand the current background check processes by including searches of national databases and registries which may contain disqualifying information and to identify the most efficient, effective and economical procedures for performing comprehensive background checks on prospective direct patient and resident access employees of Long Term Care (LTC) facilities and providers.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) will work in collaboration with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to implement a pilot program to enhance the current processes for conducting background checks on prospective direct patient and resident access employees of LTC facilities and providers.

The vulnerable population being served by LTC facilities and providers is increasing; thereby, increasing the number of and need for direct patient and resident access employees. The enhanced background check process is designed to increase the level of protection to the vulnerable population dependent upon the services of LTC facilities and providers.

As a result of this pilot, CDPH and CDSS will establish a committee which will share successes and cost effective methods for the development and implementation of the comprehensive background check process. This committee could include other State Agencies as appropriate.

Information from this comprehensive background check process will be used to accumulate statistical reports to quantify the effects of the expanded searches. Possible automation of future databases searches will be based on statistics gathered from this grant funding.

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