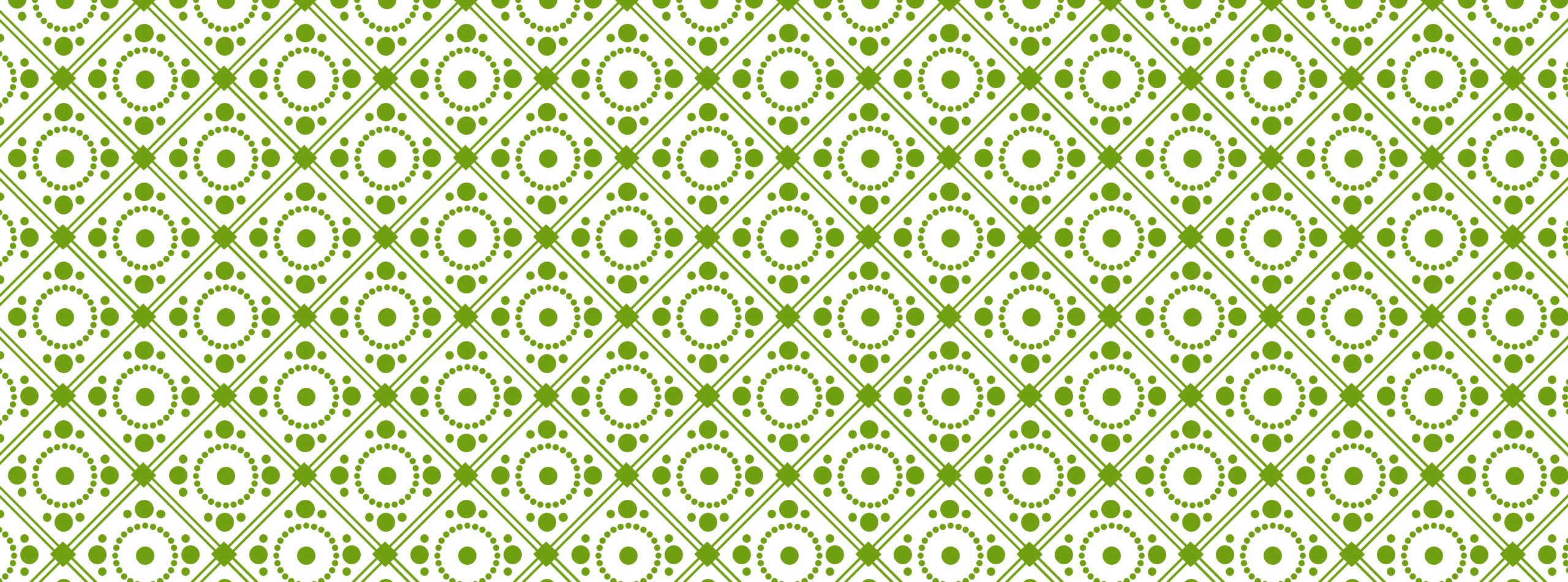




COMMUNITY MEETING: ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION (EVV)

Regional Center of the East Bay
via Zoom
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ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION (EVV)

What is electronic visit verification (EVV)?

EVV is a part of the 21st Century Cures Act enacted in 2016. EVV was put into place to help ensure people are getting the services in their home that they need and are entitled to.

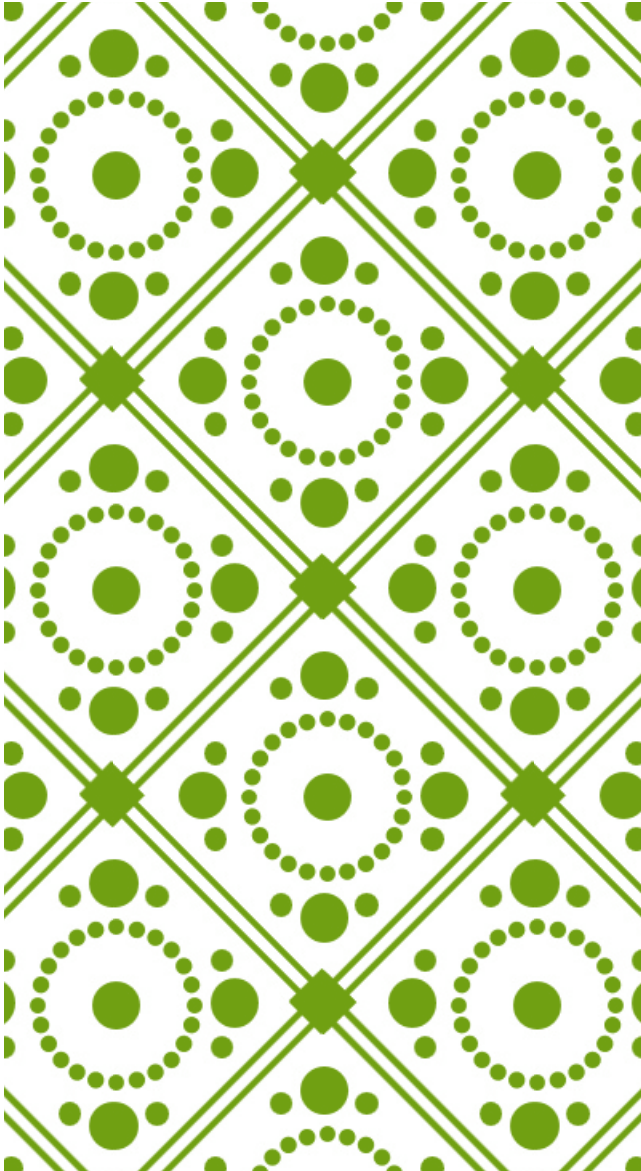
The 21st Century Cures Act requires that States set up an EVV system to verify that services for all Medicaid-funded personal care and home health care services occurred. Under the Act, an EVV system must verify the following six (6) service/data components:

- 1.Type of service performed;
- 2.Individual receiving the service;
- 3.Date of the service;
- 4.Location of service delivery;
- 5.Individual providing the services; and
- 6.Time the service begins and ends.



The new requirements for EVV will not change where and how these services are delivered. All states must implement EVV for personal care services by January 2020 and home health care services by January 2023. In accordance with federal provisions, the State of CA submitted a Good Faith Effort Exemption (GFE) request on October 2, 2019 to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to extend the EVV implementation date for personal care services to January 2021. On October 22, 2019, CMS approved the State's GFE request for personal care services, and will not apply Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) reductions in calendar year 2020.

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The State of California has selected Sandata Technologies, LLC as the State Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Vendor. Sandata will provide comprehensive EVV solutions in compliance with the 21st Century Cures Act.

Sandata is providing California with a robust EVV solution that includes the ability to capture data during a visit, data portals that allow providers to view and report on visit activity and an EVV Aggregator to provide California with EVV program oversight and analytics.

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Which Regional Center Services & Service Codes Need to Comply with EVV and When?

By January 2022 - Personal Care Services:

- Respite (codes 465, 862, 864)
- Supported Living Services (code 896)
- Homemaker Services (codes 858, 860)
- Personal Assistance (code 062)

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By January 2023 - Health Care Services:

- Nursing Care (codes 460, 742, 744)
- Home Health Agency/Aide (codes 854, 856)
- Speech Therapy (code 707)
- Occupational Therapy (code 773)
- Physical Therapy (code 772)



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Client & Family Corner

EVV does not change how your services are provided, where you receive your services or who provides them to you. EVV is required in federal law. It has been put into place to make sure you're getting the services you need.

FAQ's:

❖ Does EVV apply to services in the Self-Determination Program (SDP)?

Yes. Any regional center service that provides PCS or HHCS would be covered under the EVV requirement.

❖ What measures will be taken to secure privacy and confidentiality of data?

The state will have safeguards in place to ensure individual's private information will remain confidential and protected. All federal and state requirements around privacy such as HIPAA remain intact. EVV only verifies the six data elements required by law.

❖ Is EVV causing recipients to be homebound?

California's approach to EVV will not change how services are provided nor where services are delivered. Pursuant to Public Law 114-115 Sec 12006 (c)(3), EVV shall not limit the service provided, constrain an individual's choice of caregiver, or impede the way care is delivered.

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For more information about EVV, DDS will be updating their website to include the most current information, including EVV FAQs:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/evv/>

UPDATES ON COVID -10 IN OUR COMMUNITY

Cases Reported Among People Served

- September: 24 Cases
- October: 12 Cases
- November: 10 Cases

Vaccination

- Moderna and Pfizer: Boosters after six months from 2nd shot
- Johnson and Johnson: Booster two months from first shot
- All 5 and up can get Pfizer

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1. **Get Vaccinated:** All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in California are safe and effective at preventing serious illness from COVID-19. Vaccination will protect you, caregivers, facility staff, persons in care and loved ones. Everyone age five and older is eligible for vaccination. Additionally, adults over the age of 18 who are at least six months after their last doses of Pfizer or Moderna, or at least two months since their single-dose of Janssen (Johnson and Johnson), are eligible for a booster shot. Booster shots are critical, as they significantly restore the antibody levels (protection) that have declined since the original vaccination.

2. **Wear Masks:** Per the latest Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings from CDPH, universal masking indoors is **recommended** statewide. However, certain counties have modified their current public health officer orders and **require** everyone to wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. You can access the latest COVID-19 guidance and masking requirements for all counties at [COVID19.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Masking-Requirements.aspx). People must follow the specific masking guidance for their local area and workplace.

3. **Get Tested:** Everyone should get tested immediately for COVID-19 if they are feeling any symptoms, regardless of their vaccination status. COVID-19 symptoms can feel like a common cold, seasonal allergies, or flu. COVID-19 testing in California is free to anyone who needs it.

4. **Stay Home if Sick:** Everyone should stay home if they are feeling sick.



OTHER UPDATES

Rate Reform for Service Providers

New Performance Incentive Program for Regional Centers

Funding of Case Management Positions to Meet Caseload Ratios

Social Recreation