

Non-Substantive Change Request to 0938-1384: Submissions of 1135 Waiver Request Automated Process

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This is a non-substantive change request to the CMS 1135 Waiver/Flexibility Request from the ‘Submission of 1135 Waiver Request Automated Process’ that was approved as OMB number 0938-1384. CMS must be able to apply waivers and flexibilities to assist health care providers/suppliers in providing timely healthcare and services as well as ensure beneficiaries have continued access to care during a disaster or emergency. Accordingly, CMS developed a publicly accessible web-based form to create a standardized, user-friendly submission that’s a more efficient processing of 1135 waiver requests.

The California Wildfires have been impacting the State over the past several days. As a result, the Secretary of Health and Human Services may declare a “Public Health Emergency” (PHE) for this event. Consequently, CMS is requesting approval of the following update (if applicable) to allow the agency to quickly provide necessary assistance to those impacted by this event (effective date as defined by the Secretary’s PHE declaration):

CMS 1135 Waiver/Flexibility Request, CMS 1135 Inquiry and CMS 1135 Waiver/Flexibility Request (MEDICAID PORTION) web pages

- Update the Public Health Emergency (PHE) portion, such that “2025 California Wildfires” is added in the drop-down values for the “Select a Public Health Emergency” section of the web form

These changes have no impact on the previously stated burden associated with this collection.