

Overview of Nurse Registry





What is the difference between Home Health Agency & Nurse Registry?

Differences at a Glance

Home Health Agency

- Minimum of 90 days up to several years to be fully accredited
- Continued regulation and inspections

Nurse Registry

- File bond with Secretary of State
- Comply with office diligence requirements per statute
- Obtain insurance

§1812.533 Cal Civ Code & §1726 Health and Safety Code

No Nurse Registry shall do the following unless it is licensed as a Home Health Agency:

- **Represent itself to be a home health agency** or imply it is licensed to provide those services.
- Use the words **home health agency, home health, in-home health**, or a combo of those terms within its name.
- Use the words **skilled** or **nursing** or any combo of those terms within its name *to imply* it is a licensed home health agency.
- Perform services of home health agency.

Violations of the Code:

- Criminal misdemeanor
- \$1000 fine and/or up to 6 months in jail
- Disciplinary actions by Board of Registered Nursing and/or Department of Public Health

Nurse Registry Requirements

- Surety bond filed with SOS §1812.525
- Contract with nurses that sets out requirements in §1812.526
- Full and complete registry fee schedule given to nurse prior to interview §1812.527
- Verify license of nurses § 1812.528
- Log sheet records that include requirements of §1812.529
- Written disclosure to clients that it is a registry and not an agency § 1812.533

Setting Up a Registry

- Create corporation with appropriate name
- Obtain Tax ID numbers
- File bond with SOS
- Prepare office and accounting requirements for Registry (e.g. Log sheets and independent nurse contracts)
- Create Registry's fee schedule and payment terms
- Obtain necessary insurance