

# COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The purpose of these processes is to provide a clear, orderly and expedient process through which all program stakeholders may process complaints and grievances.

Complaints and Grievances made to SequoiaSD should involve a process, decision or issue involving SequoiaSD. If the complaint or grievance involves a different agency, SequoiaSD will ensure the proper personnel at that agency receive necessary information.

#### **COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES**

If you have a complaint or grievance regarding a payment, participant, worker, provider or anything else, please contact SequoiaSD. A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction and can involve many different issues, including but not limited to, the quality of service and payments (timesheet and claims denials), issues with delay in processing paperwork or issues with SequoiaSD staff.

Grievances to be filed regarding decisions to fully or partially deny payment for a submitted invoice/claim or to appeal the decision of the Complaint Review Committee. Grievances may not be used to appeal the background check determination.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

You may file a complaint or grievance over the telephone by calling 949.301.9950 or you may send a written complaint via:

Fax: 949.876.8753

Email: info@SequoiaSD.com

Mail: 34179 Golden Lantern, Suite 304, Dana Point,

CA 92629

Complaints and Grievances must be filed within 180 days of the date you receive a timesheet or claim denial or within 180 days of the event that is prompting your complaint or grievance.

#### **COMPLAINT PROCESS**

What	When	Details
Acknowledgement	Upon	SequoiaSD will provide
Letter	receipt of	you and your
	your oral or	representative with written
	written	confirmation of receipt of
	complaint.	the complaint.
Internal Complaint	Within five	The Complaint Review
Review Process	days of	Committee will investigate
	receipt of	the details of the
	your	complaint.
	complaint.	
New Information	Within five	If the committee receives
	calendar	additional information
	days of	when reviewing your
	receipt of	complaint, we will provide
	new or	that information to you;
	additional	allowing you time to
	evidence.	respond before issuing our
		decision.
Complaint Review	With five	SequoiaSD will send
Committee	business	written notification of the
Determination	days of the	Complaint Review
Letter	decision.	Committee Decision.

#### **GRIEVANCE / APPEAL REVIEW PROCESS**

What	When	Details
Acknowledgement Letter	Upon receipt of your oral or written grievance.	SequoiaSD will provide you and your representative with written confirmation of receipt of the grievance.
Internal Grievance Review Process	Within five days of receipt of your grievance.	The Complaint Review Committee will investigate the details of the grievance.
New Information	Within five calendar days of receipt of new or additional evidence.	If the committee receives additional information when reviewing your grievance, we will provide that information to you; allowing you time to respond before issuing our decision.
Grievance/Appeal Review Committee Determination Letter	With five business days of the decision.	SequoiaSD will send written notification of the Grievance/Appeal Review Committee Decision.



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#### **SAMPLE FORM**

#### **Complaint and Grievance Form**

This form is used by program stakeholders to file a complaint or grievance with SequoiaSD. Complaints and Grievances made to SequoiaSD should involve a process, decision or issue involving SequoiaSD. Please see Complaint and Grievance Procedure for difference between a complaint and grievance. If the complaint or grievance involves a different agency, SequoiaSD will ensure the proper personnel at that agency receive necessary information.

#### **Submission**

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#### Section I – General Information

Complaint or Grievance (circle one)
Participant's Name:
Date of Birth:
Phone Number:
Fmail Address:

#### Section II – Summary

Please provide a description of events that led you to filing your complaint/grievance. Please include specifics such as persons involved, dates, times, and all other important information.