



## California Non-Medical Home Care

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### Home Care Licensing

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### Registering Your Business Name

In the state of California, if you are not using a *legal name* (the official name of the person or entity that owns the business) as part of your business name, then you must register a **Fictitious** or **Assumed Business Name**. In California you must do this at the county level. The best thing for you to do is call your **county clerk's office** to find out what forms you will need to fill out. The filing fee for this registration is between \$10 - \$50. (Information courtesy of Find Law, under [filing a fictitious name.](#))

[http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/countyclerk/other\\_rec.html](http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/countyclerk/other_rec.html)

### Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

A Federal Employment Identification Number is required of all home care companies who will have employees. You may apply (Form SS-4) for an FEIN by calling the Business and Specialty Tax Line weekdays between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Eastern time at 1-800-829-4933. You may also apply online using the [Internet EIN Application](#). For more information visit [www.irs.gov/businesses](http://www.irs.gov/businesses).

### State Income Tax Withholding / Unemployment Compensation

As an employer you must register with the EDD ([Employment Development Department](#)) both for Employee State Tax Withholding and Unemployment Insurance, if you are paying over \$100 in total wages to one or more employees in a calendar quarter. To register, you can call (916) 654-7041 or download or order forms online on the EDD website. Click [here](#) for further information on Employer/Employee Tax Q & A. <http://www.edd.ca.gov/taxrep/taxordn2.htm>

### Workers' Compensation

According to state regulations, California employers are required to have Workers' Compensation Insurance. To acquire WC Insurance, you can contact:

- any private licensed insurer authorized to sell these policies within the state
- the largest carrier in California is [State Compensation Insurance Fund](#). <http://www.scif.com/> If you are unable to find coverage on your own, State Fund is required to provide your business with coverage.

### State Management of Medicaid

For any questions about California's state regulations on Medicaid for your business, please contact the:

California Department of Health Services <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/>

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