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RE: Title 17 Proposed Update

To Dr. Erica Pan,

On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), I would like to share our support to update Title 17 to include silicosis to the list of reportable noncommunicable diseases and conditions under Title 17.

Proposal details:

- Silicosis would follow standard procedures for disease reporting.
 - HCPs would use standard Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) form to report to LHJs.
 - LHJs would send CMR to CDPH via CalREDIE or alternate specified mechanism.
- Minimizing LHJ burden
 - Case numbers expected to be low compared to other reportable conditions.
 - CDPH would provide case follow-up, unless LHJs desired to do so.
- CDPH would conduct outreach to relevant providers about the new requirement and provide education to LHJ staff on reporting processes.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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