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	<p>The following reflects the findings of the Department of Public Health during a Complaint Investigation visit.</p> <p>***AMENDED***</p> <p>The following reflects the findings of the Department of Public Health during investigation of COMPLAINT NO: CA00169178.</p> <p>Investigation was limited to the specific complaint(s) investigated and does not represent a full inspection of the hospital.</p> <p>Representing the Department of Public Health: [REDACTED], MD.</p> <p>DEFICIENCY CONSTITUTING IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY</p> <p>§70213(a) Nursing Service Policies and Procedures (a) Written policies and procedures for patient care shall be developed, maintained and implemented by the nursing service.</p> <p>§70215(c) Planning and Implementing Patient Care (c) The nursing plan for the patient's care shall be discussed with and developed as a result of coordination with the patient, the patient's family or other representatives when appropriate, and staff of other disciplines involved in the care of the patient.</p> <p>The above regulations were NOT MET as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on interviews, a review of a self-reported adverse event and review of a medical record, the nursing service failed to ensure the development</p>			
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	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>to hold and console Patient A on 11/06/08. According to the Risk Manager, the transfer of the patient from her crib to the mother occurred at approximately 2145 hours.</p> <p>During transfer of Patient A from her mother back to the crib, the registered nurse unclamped the distal clamp of the ventriculostomy drainage catheter at approximately 2200 hours, but did not unclamp the proximal clamp of the ventricular drainage tube. The Risk Manager stated that this portion of the drainage catheter remained fully clamped, preventing normal CSF flow into the external drainage collection bag.</p> <p>According to the Risk Manager, and the policy and procedure for ventricular drainage catheters, in place at the hospital, the nursing staff failed to open both stopcocks to ensure appropriate ventriculostomy drainage, to prevent hydrocephalus (buildup of fluid in the brain and increased intracranial pressure).</p> <p>At 2200 hours, nursing assessments in the medical record revealed that the patient was "lying quietly". A "late entry" recorded on 11/07/08 revealed "no CSF/Ventricular fluid drainage was noted at 2200 hours." "Solid matter was noted in the external ventricular drainage (EVD) system." "EVD lowered to floor to see if CSF moved in the tubing." "Patient noted to have slowed rate of breathing with deep gasps of air." A "Code White" for resuscitating Patient A was called at 2323 hours.</p> <p>According to interviews with the Risk Manager, the</p>			

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	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>Medical Director of the hospital, and a review of the "Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Flow Sheet" Patient A was being manually ventilated at the time of initiation of the Code. According to these interviews, the physician intubating Patient A observed that the EVD had dropped to the floor and no fluid drainage or movement was seen in the tubing. Patient A was intubated at 2342 hours.</p> <p>The physician who intubated Patient A ordered a "Stat CT Head Scan", to determine the location of the ventricular catheter. This procedure was performed at approximately 2352 hours. The written interval note by the physician revealed "Tip of EVD is in the brain parenchyma, not in the ventricular system." (This note indicated that the ventricular drainage catheter was not in the ventricle of the brain, but within the substance of the brain. This indicated that, at some point, the ventricular catheter had been dislodged or pulled from its normal location within the lateral ventricle of the brain to a point in the brain tissue. No CSF/Ventricular fluid drainage was possible, since the tube was not in the desired location).</p> <p>MD #1, the attending neurosurgeon was notified at approximately 2400 hours, and came to the hospital. At approximately 0100 hours on 11/07/08, a bedside insertion of a new ventricular catheter was performed. The procedure note, dictated by MD #1 revealed "A new ventriculostomy catheter inserted with prompt return of CSF (cerebrospinal fluid) under markedly elevated ICP (intracranial pressure). (This note indicated that the brain was under severe pressure, with markedly</p>				

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