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TO: Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)
Skilled Nursing Facilities with Special Treatment Programs (SNF/STP)
Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)
Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD)
Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled –
Habilitative (ICF/DD-H)
Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled –
Nursing (ICF/DD-N)

FROM: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION SECTION

SUBJECT: **Computation of Nursing Hours per Patient Day in Health Care
Facilities**

In accordance with Health and Safety Code 1276.5 and Welfare and Institution Code 14110.7, the Department of Health Services' Licensing and Certification Program has provided a consistent standardized procedure for computing facility nursing hours in assessing the adequacy of staffing services provided by the facility. This procedure initially included "bed holds" in the calculations. The Department has re-evaluated its policy and has amended the staffing calculation by deleting the requirement to include "bed holds". Therefore, the total number of nursing hours is to be divided by facility census only.

If there are any questions about this policy, please contact Stacie Kenner at (916) 552-8867.

Sincerely,

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