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TO: General Acute Care Hospitals (GACHs)

SUBJECT: Call for Applications to Participate in the Elective Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) Pilot Program

DISTRIBUTION: GACHs equipped with cardiac catheterization laboratories and no cardiac surgery centers

AUTHORITY: Senate Bill (SB) 891 (Correa, Chapter 295, Statutes of 2008)
(Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 1256.01)

Pursuant to AFL 09-06 dated March 23, 2009, Senate Bill 891 and HSC Section 1256.01(as noted above), and AFL 09-33 dated September 1, 2009, the Department is soliciting applications to participate in the Elective PCI Pilot. The Department is authorized to select up to six eligible GACHs equipped with cardiac catheterization laboratories that do not have onsite cardiac surgery support, to perform elective PCI for a study period of three (3) years. Each pilot hospital must meet rigorous facility, staffing, patient selection, patient care, data collection, financial and reporting requirements.

The application, titled “Elective Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) Pilot Project Application”, is available online as a subdocument to this AFL at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/facilities/Pages/LnCAFL09.aspx>

The application must be completed correctly, in its entirety, and **submitted to CDPH at the address below no later than 5:00p.m. January 31, 2010. Late applications will not be accepted and, once submitted, applications cannot be changed.** Please follow the instructions closely.

The application must be addressed to:

Tammy Morin, M.D.
California Department of Public Health
Center for Healthcare Quality
Licensing and Certification Department
P.O. Box 997377, Mailstop 3401
1615 Capitol Avenue, Fourth Floor
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

The Department will develop a shortlist of candidate facilities based upon its review of each completed application package and facility compliance history. Onsite audits of the shortlisted facilities will be performed, and with the applications and compliance histories, the Department may select the final six pilot hospitals. Pilot hospital selection will be announced on May 1, 2010. Study data collection will begin no later than July 1, 2010 and continue through August 1, 2013.

Pursuant to HSC 1256.01, the selected (up to six) pilot hospitals will reimburse the cost of the study to the Department through Licensing and Certification Supplemental Licensing Fees.

Questions about the application and its processes should be directed to Dr. Morin at tammy.morin@cdph.ca.gov. Inquiries will be accepted from December 1, 2009 through the application submission deadline, **January 31, 2010**. For convenience, frequently asked questions will be posted online for public viewing.

Sincerely,

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