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TO: To All Health Care Facilities

SUBJECT: Pre-Notice Meeting for Regulations Governing General Acute Care Hospitals

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Public Health, Center for Health Care Quality, Licensing & Certification Program (hereinafter referred to as the “Department”), pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.45, is inviting interested parties to participate in a public discussion and submit statements and comments regarding the update of regulations governing General Acute Care Hospitals in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 5, Chapter 1 prior to the start of the formal rulemaking process.

There will be a series of pre-notice meetings with emphasis on specific sections of the regulations as described in the table below. Any person interested may present statements orally or in writing relevant to the updating of General Acute Care Hospital regulations at these pre-notice meetings to be held at the **East End Complex Auditorium, 1500 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95814. Each meeting will start at 8:30 a.m.**

Date of Pre-Notice Meeting	Date for Written Comments	Subject	Specific Focus
February 15, 2011	February 14, 2011	General Acute Care Hospital - Administrative	Articles 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7
April 12, 2011	April 11, 2011	General Acute Care Hospital - Services	Articles 3 and 6
June 14, 2011	June 13, 2011	General Acute Care Hospital - Facility/Structure	Articles 8 and 9

Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail should be submitted to the address listed under Contact Persons in this Notice and must be received by the Department at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on the date noted above. Written comments may also be submitted in person at the meeting.

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The meeting is accessible to the physically disabled. A person who needs a disability-related accommodation or modification in order to participate in the meeting may make a request by contacting Edwin Hoffmark at 1-800-236-9747, or email RNUnit@cdph.ca.gov, or send a written request to the Department at P.O. Box 997377; MS 3201, Sacramento, CA 95899-7337. Providing your request at least seven (7) business days before the meeting will help to ensure availability of the requested accommodation.

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