

REVISED

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

UPDATE OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

The information contained in the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) at the time of Public Notice remains unchanged. All contents of the ISOR are hereby incorporated by reference into the Final Statement of Reasons with the exception of the Alternatives Statement and Local Mandate Determination.

ALTERNATIVES STATEMENT

The Department has determined that there is no other alternative which would be (1) more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, (2) as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation, or (3) more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The Department has determined that the emergency regulations will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts, nor are there any costs for which reimbursement is required by Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments received during the 45-Day Comment period, July 20th, 2012 through September 7th, 2012.

Addendum 1 – Commenters Providing Written Comments

Number	Commenter	Representation
1	Kathy Wojno, MSN, RN	Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center
2	Kathy Wojno, MSN, RN	Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center

Section 6508. Comments and Results

Comment 1

Commenter 1 notified the California Department of Public Health, Genetic Disease Screening Program that the proposed fee increase of \$9.95 would cause an undue economic impact on patients, as well as the hospital itself. “Over 60% of HPMC patients are covered by Medi-Cal, Medi-Cal HMO or are medically indigent.”

Response: Medi-Cal is covering the fee increase for their enrolled members.

Comment 2

Commenter 2 notified the California Department of Public Health, Genetic Disease Screening Program that the proposed fee increase of \$9.95 would cause an undue economic impact on patients, as well as the hospital itself. "Over 60% of HPMC patients are covered by Medi-Cal, Medi-Cal HMO or are medically indigent."

Response: Medi-Cal is covering the fee increase for their enrolled members.

STATEMENTS OF DETERMINATION

1. ECONOMIC IMPACT DETERMINATION

The Department has made an initial determination that the emergency regulations will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

The Department has determined that the emergency regulations will not significantly affect the following: the creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California, the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California or the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

2. EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

The Department has determined there would be an effect on those small businesses that choose to participate in the Newborn Screening Program. There may be a small economic impact on some small businesses.

3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Department has determined that there are no reasonable alternatives to the implementation of these emergency regulations. No other alternative would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which this emergency action is proposed.

The Department has determined that there are no reasonable alternatives to the technologies chosen to implement SCID screening. The technology that will be employed is the only testing method available for SCID screening and so no other technologies would be more effective in carrying out the mandated addition to the screening panel.

4. LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The Department has determined that the emergency regulations will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts, nor are there any costs for which reimbursement is required by Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

5. HOUSING COSTS DETERMINATION

The Department has determined that the emergency regulations will not impact housing costs.