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**NOTICE OF 15-DAY PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO
EMERGENCY SKILLED NURSING FACILITY REGULATIONS
SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES 3.5 DIRECT CARE HOURS (DPH-17-011E)
DATE POSTED: December 18, 2018**

PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS: Pursuant to Government Code section 11346.8(c) and Title 1 California Code of Regulations, Section 44, notice is hereby given that the California Department of Public Health (Department) has changed the text for the proposed regulations regarding **Emergency Skilled Nursing Facilities 3.5 Direct Care Hours DPH-17-011E**, and is making the changed text available for public comment prior to adoption, amendment or repeal of the resulting regulations.

In addition to the modified text, the following documents are being added to the rulemaking record:

1. Explanation of Changes – 15-Day Modified Text
2. Supplement to the Initial Statement of Reasons

A copy of the proposed text is enclosed. This notice document, the proposed text, supplement to the initial statement of reasons, and explanation of changes are available on the [Department's Internet website](#).

These documents are also available for inspection upon request at: California Department of Public Health, Office of Regulations, 1415 L Street, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD: Any written comments pertaining to these regulations, regardless of the method of transmittal, must be received by the Office of Regulations by 5 p.m. on, January 2, 2019, which is hereby designated as the close of the written comment period. Comments received after this date will not be considered timely. Persons wishing to use the California Relay Service may do so at no cost by dialing 711.



Written comments may be submitted as follows:

1. By email to: regulations@cdph.ca.gov. It is requested that email transmission of comments, particularly those with attachments, contain the regulation package identifier "**Skilled Nursing Facilities 3.5 Direct Care Hours DPH-17-011E**" in the subject line to facilitate timely identification and review of the comment;
2. By fax transmission: (916) 636-6220;
3. By Postal Service to: California Department of Public Health, Office of Regulations, 1415 L Street, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814; or
4. Hand-delivered to: Office of Regulations, 1415 L Street, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814.

All submitted comments should include the regulation package identifier "**Skilled Nursing Facilities 3.5 Direct Care Hours DPH-17-011E**," author's name, and mailing address.

To request a copy of this notice, the regulation text, and any of the regulatory documents or an alternate format of these documents be mailed to you, please call (916) 440-7807, or the California Relay Service at 711, or write to the Office of Regulations, 1415 L Street, Suite 500, Sacramento CA 95814, or send an email to regulations@cdph.ca.gov. Upon specific request, these documents will be made available in Braille, large print, or on computer disk.

INQUIRES: Inquiries regarding the subject matter in this notice may be directed to Anita Shumaker, Office of Regulations, at (916) 440-7718.