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**TO:** General Acute Care Hospitals

**SUBJECT:** Use of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory Space

**AUTHORITY:** Title 22 California Code of Regulations (CCR)  
Sections 70438.1, 70439 and 70805

Health and Safety Code Section 1276.05

This All Facility Letter is to serve as a reminder to all general acute care hospitals (GACH) of the authorized use of cardiac catheterization laboratory service space.

Title 22 CCR Section 70439(a) sets forth the minimum requirements for cardiac catheterization laboratory service space.

Section 70438.1(b) of Title 22 CCR states:

Only the following diagnostic procedures shall be performed in the catheterization laboratory:

- (1) Right heart catheterization and angiography.
- (2) Right and left heart catheterization and angiography.
- (3) Left heart catheterization and angiography.
- (4) Coronary angiography.
- (5) Electrophysiology studies.
- (6) Myocardial biopsy.

Section 70805 of Title 22 CCR addresses space conversion and states: Spaces approved for specific uses at the time of licensure shall not be converted to other uses without the written approval of the Department.

Health and Safety (H&S) Code Section 1276.05 authorizes the Department, under certain conditions, to approve program flexibility requests for the temporary relocation of

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services and the use of interim space for the provision of hospital services on a case-by-case basis so long as public safety is not compromised.

GACHs that wish to utilize cardiac catheterization laboratory service space for services other than those specified in Section 70438.1(b) of Title 22 CCR must obtain approval of the Department prior to the provision of any other service in that space.

Facilities are responsible for following all applicable laws. California Department of Public Health's failure to expressly notify facilities of legislative changes does not relieve facilities of their responsibility for following all laws and regulations. Facilities should refer to the full text of all applicable sections of the H&S Code and Title 22 of the CCR.

Please contact your local district office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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