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To Providers and Hospitals Seeking to Meet the Stage 1 Public Health Meaningful Use Attestation Requirements:

This letter is to provide guidance to Eligible Hospitals (EHs), Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), and Eligible Professionals (EPs) on how to meet the Stage 1 Public Health Meaningful Use attestation requirements in order to receive Meaningful Use financial incentives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The public health objectives for electronic data transmissions in Stage 1 of Meaningful Use include one or more of Immunization data, Syndromic Surveillance data, and Electronic Laboratory data for EHs and CAHs, and one or both of Immunization data and Syndromic Surveillance data for EPs.

Local Health Department
To receive guidance on how to meet the objectives, it is recommended that you contact your Local Heath Department (LHD). Please reference the contact information at: http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cclho/Documents/CCLHOHealthOfficerDirectory.pdf

A. *LHD Has Capacity To Receive Data:*
   - If the LHD has the capacity to receive Syndromic Surveillance data, it will inform you on how to send your data and how to receive confirmation of a successful test message. Also, if the LHD is able to receive electronic immunization or laboratory reporting data, it will advise you accordingly.

B. *LHD Does Not Have Capacity To Receive Data:*
   - If the LHD is not capable of receiving electronic immunization or laboratory data, it may direct you to one of the following listed regional or statewide systems to fulfill those test message requirements:
     1. For Immunization data – You may be advised to go to the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) website located at: http://cairweb.org/cair-regions/ to identify which region you are in. After determining your region, you will need to go to the Data Exchange Tech Support page at: http://cairweb.org/data-exchange-tech-support/ to get the name of the regional Data Exchange

representative you should contact in order to submit your test data. Currently, all regions are able to receive immunization test data. Upon submission of a test message, you will receive a confirmation notice of a successful test message from CAIR. If the CAIR registry is unable to process the test message due to lack of staff capacity, you will be provided with an exclusion notice.

2. For Electronic Laboratory Reporting data – You may be advised to go to the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) website at http://www.cdph.ca.gov/data/informatics/tech/Pages/CalREDIEELR.aspx, for guidance on how to submit a test message. Since approximately 40% of California's population does not reside in a jurisdiction covered by CalREDIE, it may not be an option for every EH or CAH. Therefore, contact the LHD first to see whether CalREDIE is a viable option for your jurisdiction. CalREDIE is able to receive electronic transmissions of laboratory data for most of the Title 17 reportable disease list data. Exceptions to this list include HIV and reportable cancers. CalREDIE is also fully equipped to handle any locally reportable disease if it is configured in the same file format as Title 17 data. Your LHD will inform you if you can submit locally reportable diseases to CalREDIE. Upon submission of a test message, you will receive an electronic acknowledgement from CalREDIE. Please note that EPs cannot choose the Electronic Laboratory Reporting requirement to fulfill Meaningful Use.

Sincerely,

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