

## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

### **NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST**

#### **THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES WILL IMPLEMENT A RATE FREEZE FOR RATES PAID TO HOSPITALS FOR INPATIENT SERVICES TO MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES**

The state faces a fiscal crisis that requires measures to be taken to reduce General Fund expenditures including the measure described in this notice.

This notice is to provide information of public interest with respect to freezing Medi-Cal inpatient services rates paid to all hospitals except Designated Public Hospitals, at the rate that was in effect on January 1, 2010.

The rate freeze shall be in effect for reimbursements for inpatient hospital services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011. The rate freeze will apply to both contract and non-contract hospitals. If a contract hospital becomes a non-contract hospital, the hospital shall receive the same rates that it received on January 1, 2010.

Within 90 days of the effective date of this section, the Department of Health Care Services shall develop and provide to all hospitals the methodology that will be utilized to implement this section for non-contracting hospitals.

#### **PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS**

A copy of the detailed description may be requested, in writing, from Ms. Jalyne Callori, Department of Health Care Services, Safety Net Financing Division, MS 4504, P.O. Box 997436, Sacramento, CA 95899-7436.

Written comments concerning the proposal may be mailed to Ms. Callori at the above address [or emailed to jalyne.callori@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:jalyne.callori@dhcs.ca.gov). Comments must be received on or before June 29, 2010.