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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS

SUBJECT: Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Resource Center Services

The purpose of this Information Notice is to inform you that due to new and innovative web-based technology and resources, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) SUD Resource Center (RC) was eliminated as of December 2014.

As an alternative, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) maintains a comprehensive collection of SUD information for individuals and providers. These services are accessible online at http://www.samhsa.gov/. DHCS will also continue to maintain various directories pertaining to licensed and certified facilities and programs, and referral information. These services are accessible online at: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/SUD-Directories.aspx

An important function of the former RC was the non-emergency SUD treatment referral line. The referral line is a valuable resource for those seeking treatment. DHCS will continue to maintain an automated treatment referral line. The published telephone numbers will remain the same: (800) 879-2772 or (916) 327-3728, with language selection options for English or Spanish. Individuals seeking SUD treatment services will be referred to their county alcohol and drug office for local resources and services.

If you have any questions regarding this information notice, please contact Allen Scott at (916) 327-4899 or by e-mail at allen.scott@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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