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Mental Health

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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: PURCHASING PROCEDURES USING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
GENERAL SERVICES

This letter is to notify counties of the availability of a cost saving process for County Mental Health Plans to purchase materials, equipment and supplies, including pharmaceuticals, through a contract with the State Department of General Services (DGS). DGS has statutory authority that may be used by the counties for purchases (see attached).

The DGS will be establishing a new pharmaceutical contract effective October, 2000. If you are interested in accessing the services available pursuant to this authority, you may contact Mr. Ronald LaSala at DGS, Procurement Division, Attn: Pharmaceutical Buyer, 1823 14th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or contact me at (916) 654-3576.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Attachment