State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services

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                                                       Index: Standards for Pediatric
                                                              Intensive Care Units

TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN SERVICES (CCS)
               ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, AND STATE
               SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION STAFF

SUBJECT: THE CCS PROGRAM, PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT
               STANDARDS UPDATE: ANNUAL PICU REPORT

The purpose of this Numbered Letter (N.L.) is to update Chapter 3.32 Standards for Pediatric Intensive Care Units (PICU) available at:
http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/Documents/PICU.pdf

Section K. PICU-Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement #6 shall be replaced with the following:

"6.   Effective January 1, 2014, CCS Program's approved PICUs are required to submit an Annual PICU Report (Report) to the Systems of Care Division (SCD) by March 1st of each calendar year.

        The Report shall include, but is not limited to the following:

        a.   Virtual PICU Systems LLC (VPS) Database:

              1)   All CCS PICUs are required to participate in the CCS Program's VPS data reporting program. In addition to participating with the VPS contractor, PICUs are also required to submit an annual report of the outcomes, outlined in the VPS database, to SCD.

              2)   SCD Reports are due by March 1st of each calendar year and should be submitted via the CCS Facility Mailbox at:
                   CCSFacilityReview@dhcs.ca.gov.

      b.   PICU Transports Report:

In addition to the VPS annual reporting requirements all CCS PICUs are required to submit the following PICU Transports Report, on an annual basis, by March 1st of each calendar year:

1) The total number of beds in the PICU;

2) The number of patient transports to the PICU/month/calendar year;

3) The names of the facilities of origin of the patient transports. Zip codes of the requesting facilities should be included;

4) The mode of transport to the accepting PICU; and

5) The total number of transport declines/ month/calendar year and the name of the facility of origin that was declined. Zip codes of the declined facility should be included."

Reporting Period

Data collection periods for the VPS database and the PICU Transports Report will be from January 1st to December 31st of each reporting year. All reports are to be submitted to SCD by March 1st, at the latest, of each calendar year via the CCS Facility Mailbox.

If you have any questions regarding this Numbered Letter, please e-mail them to the CCS Facility Mailbox at: CCSFacilityReview@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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