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TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN SERVICES (CCS)  
ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, AND STATE  
CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF AND  
REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: TWO ADDITIONAL CCS APPROVED METABOLIC CENTERS  
PROVIDING DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES FOR INFANTS  
REFERRED FROM THE NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM TANDEM  
MASS SPECTROMETRY (MS/MS) RESEARCH PROJECT

## Background

The MS/MS Research Project for supplemental screening of newborns for multiple metabolic disorders was initiated in January 2002. This project will determine which of the approximately 26 disorders identifiable by MS/MS meet the criteria for inclusion in California's mandatory newborn screening program, i.e., which of the unusual results have clinical significance and warrant reporting. Numbered Letter (N.L.) 01-0102, Section III.A. identifies the CCS approved metabolic centers providing diagnostic services for newborns referred by the Genetics Disease Branch (GDB). This list contains most, but not all, of the CCS approved metabolic centers in the state. The purpose of this supplement to N.L. 01-0102 is to add two additional CCS approved metabolic centers to the list.

## Policy Guidelines

An authorization for a diagnostic metabolic evaluation, when requested by the GDB, shall be issued to the following additional CCS approved metabolic centers for a period not to exceed three months:

- University of California, Irvine
- Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital



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These centers may also be authorized for treatment services for any metabolic disorder identified.

If you have any questions regarding this supplement to N.L. 01-0102, please contact your Regional Office Medical Consultant

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