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Notice of 30-Day Public Comment
June 10, 2016 – July 10, 2016
Nursing Facility / Acute Hospital Transition and Diversion Waiver Renewal

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) intends to submit a 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Nursing Facility / Acute Hospital Transition and Diversion (NF/AH) Waiver renewal. This notice provides information of public interest with respect to DHCS seeking approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to allow DHCS to renew the NF/AH Waiver. This proposal will be effective upon approval from CMS.

DHCS plans to submit the NF/AH Waiver renewal to CMS no sooner than August 31, 2016. The NF/AH Waiver may be modified, including a new CMS requirements relating to the HCBS Transition Plan, to reflect many of the changes that have been discussed during public meetings, the technical workgroups as-well-as public comment received during the public comment period.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person or his or her authorized representative may submit written comments to the Department relevant to the changes described in this notice.

The draft NF/AH Waiver renewal discussed above will be posted on June 10, 2016, on the DHCS NF/AH Waiver Renewal webpage at:
http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/Nursing-Family-Acute-Hospital-(NF--AH)-Waiver-Renewal.aspx
The full NF/AH Waiver application is also available upon request. **Written public comments will be accepted from June 10, 2016 through 5:00 pm on July 10, 2016.**

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The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2016; any written comments regardless of the method of transmittal must be received electronically by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked on this date, for consideration.

DHCS will hold five stakeholder meetings throughout the state to discuss the comments received on the waiver renewal during 30-day public comment period, and to inform the public of changes made to the waiver as a result of public input. A summary of comments received and DHCS response(s) will be made available on the DHCS NF/AH Waiver Renewal webpage listed above by July 30, 2016 (hard copies will be mailed to waiver beneficiaries/providers upon request). Dates and locations of July meetings are listed below.

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Date	Time	County	Address
7/7/2016	10 AM- 1 PM	Sacramento, EEC	1500 Capitol Ave, Sac, CA 95814
7/18/2016	10 AM- 1 PM	Los Angeles, Ronald Reagan	300 S. Spring St, Ste 1726 Los Angeles, CA 90013,
7/19/2016	10 AM- 1 PM	San Diego, Eshleman	1350 Front St, Ste 6034, SD, CA 92101
7/29/2016	10 AM- 1 PM	Redding, Oxford Suites	1967 Hilltop Drive, Redding, CA 96002

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