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TO: ALL MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE HEALTH PLANS

SUBJECT: THE ROGERS AMENDMENT AND TERTIARY HOSPITALS

This All Plan Letter (APL) corrects the definition of “tertiary hospital” that was used in APL 10-007 and APL 10-008 regarding rates paid under Welfare and Institution (W&I) Code section 14091.3 and the “Rogers Amendment” (Pub. L. 109-171). This APL also corrects the reference provided for a list of tertiary hospitals. These changes do NOT affect the rates published in those APLs.

For purposes of the rates published in the APLs listed above, a tertiary hospital is defined as a children’s hospital specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 10727, or a hospital that has been designated as a Level I or Level II trauma center by the Emergency Medical Services Authority established pursuant to Section 1797.1 of the Health and Safety Code.

W&I Code section 10727 states:

"Children's hospital" means any of the following hospitals:

(a) Valley Children's Hospital, Madera.
(b) Miller Children's Hospital, Long Beach.
(c) Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles.
(d) Children's Hospital Medical Center of Northern California, Oakland.
(e) Children's Hospital of Orange County.
(f) Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, Palo Alto.
(g) Children's Hospital and Health Center, San Diego.
(h) Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, Loma Linda."

The list of Level I and Level II trauma centers is available through the California Emergency Medical Services Authority at: http://www.emsa.ca.gov/systems/files/trauma/trma_ctr.pdf.

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