

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



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY REGULATORY ACTION REGARDING Quality Assurance Fee (QAF) Program and the Medi-Cal Long Term Care (LTC) Reimbursement Act, DHCS-06-012E

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.1(a)(2), notice is hereby given that the Department of Health Care Services (Department) proposes to adopt on an emergency basis Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 3, Article 9, Sections 52000, 52100 through 52104, 52500 through 52516, and 52600. A copy of the text of the proposed emergency regulations and a finding of emergency are enclosed. These documents are also available via the Internet and may be accessed at <u>www.dhcs.ca.gov</u> by clicking on the Decisions Pending and Opportunity for Public Participation link (from the left menu), then selecting the Proposed Regulations link.

Government Code Section 11346.1(a)(2) requires that, at least five (5) working days prior to submission of the proposed emergency action to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), the adopting agency provide a notice of the proposed emergency action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulatory action with the agency. After submission of the proposed emergency to the OAL, the OAL shall allow interested persons five (5) calendar days to submit comments on the proposed emergency regulations as set forth in Government Code Section 11349.6.

Once submitted, the OAL will have ten (10) calendar days to review and make a decision on the Department's proposed emergency regulations. If approved, the OAL will file the regulations with the Secretary of State and the emergency regulations will be effective for 180 days. During the 180 day effective period, the Department will proceed with regular rulemaking activities including a 45-day public comment period.

Inquiries regarding the text of the proposed emergency regulations or the finding of emergency included with this notice may be directed to John McCraw of the Rate Development Branch, at (916) 552-9635. Other inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to Ben Carranco of the Office of Regulations, at (916) 440-7766, or to the designated backup contact person, Lynette Cordell, at (916) 650-6827.

In any inquiries, please identify the action by using the Department regulation control number, DHCS-06-012E.

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