

## **METHOD OF INDICATING CHANGES**

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## UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

There have been no changes in the laws applicable to this regulatory action as described in the Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview, published in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (California Regulatory Notice Register; 2018, No. 33-Z).

As authorized by Government Code Section 11346.9(d), the Department of Health Care Services (Department) incorporates by reference the Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview, as published in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for this regulatory action, with the following changes, which are shown as underline text for additions and strikeout text for deletions:

### Statement of Purpose/Problem to be Addressed

SB 973, effective January 1, 2015, allows an NTP to admit a patient to narcotic maintenance or narcotic detoxification treatment at the discretion of the medical director by removing the requirement that a patient waits seven days in-between treatment episodes; enables patients to qualify for self-administered take-home medication under specified circumstances; requires a medical director to determine whether or not to dilute self-administered take-home medication; and requires a unique patient identifier for recordkeeping.