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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO
EMERGENCY REGULATIONS AND
ADDITION OF MATERIAL TO THE RULEMAKING RECORD REGARDING
Quality Assurance Fee (QAF) Program & the Medi-Cal Long-Term Care (LTC)
Reimbursement Act, DHCS-06-012E**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.8(c), notice is hereby given that the Department is proposing changes to the text of the subject emergency regulations. A copy of the regulation text with the proposed changes clearly indicated is attached.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11347.1, notice is hereby given that the Department has added the following material to the rulemaking record for the subject emergency regulations:

1. Supplement to the Statement of Reasons
2. Study to Develop Labor Index For Long Term Care Facilities, 2010-11 Rate Study, Report Number 01-10-01 (August 2010)
3. Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Capital Supplement Schedule for the 2008/2009 Rate Year

The Department is making the proposed changes and the added material available for review and comment for at least 15 days prior to the adoption, amendment or repeal of the resulting regulations. The above added materials are available for inspection at the Office of Regulations address listed below between the hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm.

Only the proposed changes to the regulation text and material added to the rulemaking file are subject to comment.

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

COMMENTS: In order to be considered, comments regarding the changes must be received by the Office of Regulations between February 18, 2011 and 5:00 p.m. on March 4, 2011, which is hereby designated as the close of the written comment period. Comments received after this date will not be considered timely.

Persons wishing to use the California Relay Service may do so at no cost. The telephone numbers for accessing this service are: 1-800-735-2929, if you have a TDD; or 1-800-735-2922, if you do not have a TDD. Written comments may be submitted as follows:

1. By mail or hand-delivered to the Office of Regulations, Department of Health Care Services, MS 0015, 1501 Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 997413, Sacramento, CA 95899-7413; or
2. By fax transmission: (916) 440-5748; or
3. By email to regulations@dhcs.ca.gov (it is requested that email transmissions of comments, particularly those with attachments, contain the regulation package identifier "DHCS-06-012E" in the subject line to facilitate timely identification and review of the comment}).

INQUIRIES: Inquiries regarding the substance of the emergency regulations and the materials added to the rulemaking record as described in this notice may be directed to John McGraw of the Rate Development Branch, at (916) 552-9635.

All other inquiries concerning the action described in 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.

Upon request, this document will be made available in Braille, large print, and audiocassette or computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, please call or write: Sue Pierson, Office of Regulations, MS 0015, P.O. Box 997413, Sacramento, CA 95899-7413, voice (916) 440-7650 and/or California Relay at 711/1-800-735-2929.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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