

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

UPDATE OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

As authorized by Government Code Section 11346.9(d), the Department of Health Care Services (Department) incorporates by reference the Initial Statement of Reasons prepared for this rulemaking.

An amendment was made to the regulatory text as a result of a public comment received during the 45-day public comment period (See Addendum, Comment #2). The amendment and the necessity for such amendment is as follows:

Section 51311:

Subsection (c)(7) is amended by deleting the word “film” and replacing it with “image” to provide a broader description of this term to include any image developed through photographic or electronic processes. This proposed amendment is also consistent with the initial proposed amendments to change “X-ray” to “imaging.”

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts, nor are there any costs for which reimbursement is required by Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Department has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by the Department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which this action is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. The proposed regulations are the most effective manner in which to update existing regulatory provisions related to portable imaging services and to adopt new related definitions. This regulatory proposal will provide convenient access to this information in one location (the CCR) for providers of these services and beneficiaries who receive these services.

SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Comments and Responses received during the 45-Day Public Comment Period are outlined in the Addendum to the Final Statement of Reasons (attached hereto).

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was not requested.