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TO: California Children's Services (CCS) Program Administrators and Medical Consultants and Children's Medical Services (CMS) Regional Office Staff

SUBJECT: CCS HOSPITAL STANDARDS

The criteria for hospital participation in the CCS program have been revised and updated to reflect the current standards of pediatric care and to assure that the highest quality of health care is provided to children with special health care needs. You will find enclosed a copy of the revised Hospital Standards, Chapter 3.3 of the CCS Manual of Procedures.

In contrast to the Hospital Standards last revised in 1975, there are now **five** types of hospital approval. These are Tertiary, Pediatric Community, General Community, Limited, and Special.

The changes in the hospital standards are effective the date of this letter. All pending applications will be reviewed based on the revised standards. Hospitals with current CCS approval will be asked to reapply to assure that care provided in these facilities meet the revised standards and that hospitals understand the requirements of participation in the CCS program (Section D of each of component of the standards).

If you have any questions, please contact the CMS Regional Office for your area.

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Enclosure