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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 NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (NICU) STANDARDS

The criteria for hospital participation in the CCS program as a NICU have been revised and updated to reflect the current standards of neonatal care and to assure that the highest quality of neonatal care is provided. You will find enclosed a copy of the revised NICU Standards, Chapter 3.25 of the CCS Manual of Procedures.

The changes in the NICU standards are effective the date of this letter. All pending applications will be reviewed based on the revised standards. NICUs 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 C of each of the standards).

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maridee Gregory MD".

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Enclosure