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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: REGIONAL AVERAGE RATES FOR NON-CONTRACT

PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT HOSPITALS

As specified in Section 1820.115 of Title 9, California Code of Regulations, the Department of Mental Health is responsible for establishing the psychiatric inpatient rates for Fee-For-Service/Medi-Cal (FFS/MC) hospitals without a contract with a Mental Health Plan. The rates are established based on the weighted average per diem rates by accommodation code negotiated for all FFS/MC contract hospitals within each of the five rate regions defined in the regulations. The per diem rates include routine and all hospital-based ancillary services, but not professional services.

Enclosed for your information is a table displaying the regional average non-contract rates for Fiscal Year 2009-10. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call Marcia Jones at (916) 654-3254 or Donald Larson at (916) 651-0686.

Sincerely,

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STEPHEN W. MAYBERG, Ph.D. Director

Enclosure