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**NOTICE OF 15-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FOR CHANGES TO PROPOSED REGULATIONS:
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 22, DIVISION 7, CHAPTER 9.5: PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING FOR
PURCHASERS**

BACKGROUND

The Department of Health Care Access and Information (the Department) proposes revisions to Chapter 9.5. Prescription Drug Pricing for Purchasers of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, which implemented Chapter 9. Prescription Drug Pricing for Purchasers (Health and Safety Code section 127675 et seq.) added by Senate Bill (SB) 17 (Chapter 603, Statutes of 2017).

The proposed revisions are needed to effectuate the intent of the law by improving the quality, clarity, and completeness of reported prescription drug pricing data, and will increase compliance with data submission requirements as well as overall program efficiency.

In addition, the proposed revisions would update web and email addresses due to the 2021 reorganization of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) into the Department.

The proposed regulations were made available for public comment, per the California Administrative Procedure Act (APA), on March 17, 2023, for a period of 45 days. On May 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, the initial public comment period for the proposed regulations closed. The initial public comment period was extended for an additional 22 days beginning on June 22, 2023, and ended July 14, 2023.

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Based on comments received during the initial public comment period, HCAI hereby proposes two changes to the proposed regulations that are sufficiently related to the original text.

As required by Government Code 11346.8(c), HCAI is making available for public comment the full text of the amended regulations for a period of 15 days. HCAI will consider public comments regarding the changes made to the proposed regulations and will respond to such comments in the final statement of reasons for this rulemaking.

Amendments to the proposed text are indicated as follows: added text is displayed in double underline, and deleted text is displayed in ~~double-strikeout~~. Text of the regulations is also available at: <https://hcai.ca.gov/about/laws-regulations/>

Written comments regarding the indicated amendments to the proposed action should be addressed to the primary contact person named below. Comments delivered by email are suggested. Comments may also be faxed, hand delivered, or mailed. **All written comments must be received by HCAI no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on Friday, September 15, 2023.**

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