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NOTICE OF MODIFICATION TO TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATION

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

TITLE 22, DIVISION 7, CHAPTER 8.4

Articles 1 - 3, Sections 95300 - 95316

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 11346.8, subdivision (c) and Section 44 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations, the Department of Health Care Access and Information hereby provides notice of changes made to proposed regulation Chapter 8.4 Hospital Equity Measures Reporting Program (Sections 95300-95316) to Division 7 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. The Regulation package was originally submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for review and approval on December 19, 2024. OAL reviewed the regulations package and suggested some changes made to the proposed text for clarity. HCAI will begin a new 15-day public comment period. The text of the regulations with the proposed modifications is attached to this Notice. The revisions are substantially related to the original proposed text and are being made available for public review and comment for a period of at least 15 days prior to adoption. All revisions are noted in italics for new language and a single-strikethrough for deleted language.

The Department will consider public comments regarding the changes made to the proposed regulations beginning March 20, 2025, and ending April 4, 2025. Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. All comments must be received by HCAI by April 4, 2025.

In addition, pursuant to the requirements of Government Code sections 11346.8, subdivision (d) and 11347.1, the Department is providing notice that documents the Department relied upon in adopting the proposed regulations have been modified and/or added to the rulemaking file and are available for public inspection and comment.

The documents modified and/or added to the rulemaking file are as follows:

Revised Text of the Proposed Regulations

- Hospital Equity Report: Measures Submission Guide Version 1.2 March 10, 2025
- Format and File Specification for Submission of the Hospital Equity Report Version 1.2 March 10, 2025
- Methodology for Calculating All Cause, Unplanned, 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rates, California, Department of Health Care Access and Information

Inquiries and written comments regarding the proposed action should be addressed to the primary contact person named below. Comments delivered by email are suggested. Comments may also be emailed, hand delivered or mailed.

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All written comments received by April 4, 2025, which pertain to the indicated changes, will be reviewed by the Department and will be summarized and responded to in the Final Statement of Reasons. Please limit your comments to the modifications of the text.

Copies of the Notice of Modification to Text of Proposed Regulations, the text of the modified Proposed Regulations, the text of the modified Measures Submission Guide, the text of the modified File Specifications, and the Methodology for Calculating All Cause, Unplanned, 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rates, California, Department of Health Care Access and Information can be accessed through the HCAI website at https://hcai.ca.gov/about/laws-regulations/.