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## NOTICE OF MODIFICATION TO TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATION AND ADDITION OF DOCUMENTS TO RULEMAKING FILE

## 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 <u>Chapter 8.4 Hospital Equity Measures Reporting Program</u> (Sections 95300-95316) to Division 7 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. The text of the regulations with 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 with a <u>double underline</u> for new language and a <del>double strikethrough</del> for deleted language. 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:

- Hospital Equity Report: Measures Submission Guide Version 1.1 September 9, 2024
- Format and File Specification for Submission of the Hospital Equity Report Version 1.1 September 9, 2024
- Methodology for Calculating HCAI All-Cause Unplanned, 30-Day Hospital Readmission Rates

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The Department will consider public comments regarding the changes made to the proposed regulations beginning October 14, 2024, and ending October 29, 2024. 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. All public comments must be received by HCAI no later than October 29, 2024.

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Inquiries and comments may also be directed to the backup contact person at the same mailing address:

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All written comments received by October 29, 2024, 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 2024 Hospital-wide Readmission Measure Code Specifications Supplemental File can be accessed through the HCAI website at <a href="https://hcai.ca.gov/about/laws-regulations/">https://hcai.ca.gov/about/laws-regulations/</a>.