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**TO:** General Acute Care Hospitals (GACHs)

**SUBJECT:** Request for Stakeholder Input in Amending GACH Regulations Specific to Small and Rural Hospitals

**All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary**

The California Department of Public Health's Center for Health Care Quality (CHCQ) is seeking input from interested stakeholders in amending GACH regulations specific to small and rural hospitals under California Code of Regulations, Title 22, sections 70901 through 70923.

CHCQ is seeking input from interested stakeholders as part of the regulation development process to ensure proposed regulations are consistent with other laws and regulations, modern hospital practices, and other relevant standards. CHCQ has begun the process of revising regulations governing GACHs under California Code of Regulations, Title 22. These GACH regulations include the following sections:

- section 70901 Applicability of Article 9
- section 70903 Enforcement of Article 9
- section 70905 Surgical Service General Requirements
- section 70907 Dietetic Service Staff
- section 70911 Perinatal Unit Staff
- section 70913 Perinatal Unit Space
- section 70915 Physical Therapy Service General Requirements
- section 70917 Physical Therapy Service Equipment and Supplies
- section 70919 Physical Therapy Service Space
- section 70921 Standby Emergency Medical Services, Physician on Call, Space
- section 70923 Conference Room

**Instructions for Submitting Written Comments**

Please submit your written comments by **August 31, 2018** using the Written Comments for Regulations Specific to Small and Rural Hospitals Survey. Stakeholders may submit supporting documentation as attachments at the end of this survey. Please include your name, title, the name of organization you represent, and AFL number to any attachment(s).

Please submit your questions by email to [CHCQRegulationsUnit@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CHCQRegulationsUnit@cdph.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Written Comments for Regulations Specific to Small and Rural Hospitals Survey

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