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DMH INFORMATION NOTICE NO.:

TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REVIEW PROTOCOL FOR CONSOLIDATED SPECIALTY
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

REFERENCE: Supersedes DMH Letter No. 97-10.

EXPIRES: Retain until rescinded

Enclosed is the protocol to be used by the Department effective July 1, 2000, for the annual reviews of the Consolidated Specialty Mental Health Services and the schedule for the 2000-20001 annual review cycle. Development of this protocol included consultation and input from the Compliance Advisory Committee, California Mental Health Directors Association, the California Mental Health Planning Council, the Association of Local Mental Health Boards & Commissions, Consumer/Family Task Force and others.

The protocol Sections K and L pertaining to Inpatient Chart Review and Utilization Review of Short Doyle/Medi-Cal Hospital Services have not been revised. The inpatient review pilot project will be completed in October 2000 at which time these sections of the protocol may be revised.

The Department intends to review the protocol by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2001) and will seek input for any suggested changes or revisions.

If you have questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact Robert S. Cacic, Chief, Medi-Cal Oversight-Northern Region at (916) 654-3607 or Moss T. Nader, Ph.D., Chief, Medi-Cal Oversight-Southern Region at (562) 868-2275.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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