

## **FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **UPDATE OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

As authorized by Government Code Section 11346.9(d), the Department of Health Care Services (Department) incorporates by reference the Initial Statement of Reasons prepared for this rulemaking.

No changes were made to the regulations nor were changes necessary to the Initial Statement of Reasons following the 45-Day public comment period.

The regulation text was made available for public comment for at least 45 days, from July 31, 2015 through September 14, 2015.

A public hearing was not requested and no comments were received.

### **LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION**

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations would not impose a new mandate on local agencies or school districts, nor are there any costs for which reimbursement is required by Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Department has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by the Department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which this regulatory action was taken, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the regulatory action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. Regulations related to the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Program are located in Title 22, CCR, Chapter 3, Health Care Services. Using this regulatory proposal to make amendments related to LEA specialized medical transportation is the most effective and convenient method to provide current information to those affected by the regulations. This proposed regulatory action will align state regulations with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14115.8. These regulations are also consistent with the description of related services (including transportation services) under Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 300.34, and with the requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to provide appropriate educational services to children with disabilities.