

## STATEMENT OF DETERMINATIONS

(a) ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Department of Health Services (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 action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

(b) LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations will not impose a 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.

(c) ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

The Department has made the initial determination that the proposed regulations would not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations would not significantly affect the following:

- 1) The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.
- 2) The creation of new businesses or elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.
- 3) The expansion of current businesses within the State of California.

(d) EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

The Department has determined that these regulations may affect small businesses. Some Medi-Cal providers that offer sign language interpreter services would derive a benefit from the implementation of these regulations because of the expansion of reimbursable services. The Medi-Cal Program is a voluntary program for providers who elect to participate.

(e) HOUSING COSTS DETERMINATION

The Department has made the determination that the proposed regulations would have no impact on housing costs.