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**TO: ALL PRIVATE HEARING TESTING AGENCIES PROVIDING OR
APPLYING TO PROVIDE HEARING TESTING SERVICES TO PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

SUBJECT: HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009-10

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about hearing testing services related to school age children. Topics addressed in this letter include:

- Instruction for the submission of the required agency registration form for testing services in the 2009-10 school year
- Review Private Agency Listing on the Webpage
- Referral to the California Children's Services (CCS) Program

Agency Registration

If you intend to perform hearing testing in the public schools for the school year 2009-10 and **have not already sent in your form**, you must complete and return the [Registration of Agency Intending to Provide Testing Services \(PM 210\)](#) (as soon as possible). Please indicate the make and model of audiometer being used, screening intensity, and the environment where the screening is being performed in the "Description of testing services, facilities, and special equipment".

You may obtain the form PM 210 by visiting the Hearing Conservation Program Webpage at www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/hcp, select Forms under the County School Districts header and then Registration of Agency Intending to Provide Testing Services (PM 210).

You may submit your completed form by e-mail to Steve Rawiszer, M.A., CCC/A, Hearing Conservation Specialist (HCS), at hearingconservationprogram@dhcs.ca.gov or by Fax at (916) 323-8104.

Private Agency Listing

Please review the listing of Private Agencies on our webpage for accuracy of your name, address, and phone number. Notify the HCS at hearingconservationprogram@dhcs.ca.gov for any corrections needed to be made.

Referral to the California Children's Services (CCS) Program

When referring a student to CCS who has failed two hearing tests, please ensure your referral is in conformance with CCS requirements specified in California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 1839(a) (1) and Title 17, Section 2951(d) (1). For children who fail initial school hearing screening, the repeat screening should be performed at least six weeks after the initial screening to conform to the CCS criteria for eligibility for diagnostic services.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued interest in our program.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY KATHERINE NETO, CHIEF

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