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**TO:** General Acute Care Hospitals

**SUBJECT:** Request for Stakeholder Input in Amending GACH Social Service Regulations

**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 Social Service regulations under California Code of Regulations, Title 22, sections 70629 through 70637.

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 70629 Social Service Definition
- section 70631 Social Service General Requirements
- section 70633 Social Service Staff
- section 70635 Social Service Equipment and Supplies
- section 70637 Social Service Space

**Instructions for Submitting Written Comments**

Please submit your written comments by **March 25, 2019** using the [Written Comments for GACH Social Service Regulations Survey](#). Stakeholders may submit supporting documentation as attachments at the end of this survey. Please include your name, title, the name of the organization you represent, and the AFL number listed above on all attachments.

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

Sincerely,

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