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**TO:** General Acute Care Hospitals

**SUBJECT:** Request for Stakeholder Input in Amending GACH Speech Pathology and/or Audiology 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 Speech Pathology and Audiology Service regulations under California Code of Regulations, Title 22, sections 70639 through 70647.

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 70639 Speech Pathology and/or Audiology Service Definition
- section 70641 Speech Pathology and/or Audiology Service General Requirements
- section 70643 Speech Pathology and/or Audiology Service Staff
- section 70645 Speech Pathology and/or Audiology Service Equipment and Supplies
- section 70647 Speech Pathology and/or Audiology Service Space

**Instructions for Submitting Written Comments**

Please submit your written comments by **March 25, 2019** using the [Written Comments for GACH Speech Pathology and/or Audiology 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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