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**PRIME POLICY LETTER 17-008**

**TO:** ALL DMPH PRIME ENTITIES

**SUBJECT:** DY 12 YEAR-END DMPH PRIME ELIGIBLE POPULATION AND REPORTING CLARIFICATION

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this PRIME Policy Letter (PPL) is to provide direction on the DMPH PRIME Eligible Population for DY12 Year-End reporting.

**BACKGROUND:**

Recent discussions between the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the District Hospital Leadership Forum (DHLF) have focused on the potential advantages and disadvantages of refining the DMPH target population for select metrics. This policy letter clarifies and provides further direction for DY12 Year-End reporting for PRIME Participating DMPHs.

**POLICY:**

The DMPH PRIME Eligible Population is currently defined as all individuals with at least two encounters during the measurement period with the participating PRIME entity (not affiliated clinics) among Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The DMPH PRIME Eligible Population will remain consistent with this definition for DY12 Year-End reporting.

Many primary care-focused metrics require DMPHs to have access to data from ambulatory care facilities. For some entities, this may fall beyond the scope of entity-run primary care practices or primary care clinics with formal agreements with the PRIME participating DMPH, due to the broad definition of the DMPH PRIME Eligible Population. In an effort to better understand the impact of this situation and assess an appropriate solution, DHCS will collect an alternate data set based on a refined metric population. This alternative data set submission is optional and will be completed only by those DMPHs willing to participate. This second data set will narrow the PRIME population for DMPHs for a number of primary care-focused metrics and will be collected to inform future policy decisions. Please see the attached template which provides detailed instructions on how to collect this second data set. The completed template is due by COB October 31, 2017.



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If you have any questions regarding this PPL, please contact your PRIME Liaison or email the PRIME Mailbox at [PRIME@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PRIME@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'NDK', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Enclosure: DMPH Limited-Population Reporting Template