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Dear Pharmacy Director/Manager:

CHANGES TO LOW INCOME HEALTH PROGRAM (LIHP) AND COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICE (CMS) PROGRAM NETWORK OF PHARMACIES

The County's Low Income Health Program (LIHP) and County Medical Service (CMS) program recently made changes to its network of pharmacies. This new network includes all 340B registered pharmacies within the county that contract with a covered entity providing care to the LIHP and CMS enrollees. Decisions to include additional non-340B registered pharmacies were made to ensure appropriate access to medications, based on such factors as pharmacy geography and hours of operation.

As of July 15, 2013, the list of network pharmacies will **only** include those 340B pharmacies registered with a covered entity (contracted provider). Contracted providers can be found at the LIHP and CMS websites in the provider handbooks under the LIHP and CMS primary care clinics' listings.

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/ssp/documents/LIHPProviderHandbookApril2013.pdf>
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/ssp/documents/CMSProviderHandbookApril2013.pdf>

For more information on how to become a registered pharmacy, please refer to the HRSA website at <http://www.hrsa.gov/opa/index.html>.

After a pharmacy contracts with a covered entity to become their 340B pharmacy, the covered entity is required to register the pharmacy during an open registration period. The next open registration period is July 1 to July 15, 2013. If you are interested in becoming part of the LIHP/CMS pharmacy network, please reach out to one of the covered entities before this date. Once you become a registered pharmacy, you can contact the LIHP/CMS Provider Line at 858-658-8650 and request to be added to the pharmacy network.

Sincerely,

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