



Memorandum

Date: March 16, 2020

Subject: DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE ON SUSPENSION OF PATIENT ADMISSIONS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION (CDCR)

Pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency dated March 4, 2020, the Director of the Department of State Hospitals issues this Directive in accordance with the Director's authority to execute laws relating to the care and treatment of persons with mental health disorders placed with the State Department of State Hospitals (DSH). To ensure that patients with mental health disorders currently in DSH's custody continue to receive the services and support that are threatened by disruptions caused by COVID-19, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of those patients, the Department is suspending admission of patients placed at DSH facilities pursuant to Penal Code section 2684 (*Coleman* patients).

All *Coleman* patients presently in DSH's custody will not be discharged until DSH rescinds the suspension of *Coleman* patient admissions, unless an emergency discharge is required for patients who cannot be safely maintained in DSH's unlocked dorm setting.

This suspension of *Coleman* patient admissions will remain in effect for 30 days, unless extended by the Director of the Department.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Clendenin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

STEPHANIE CLENDENIN
Director