



Memorandum

Date: April 15, 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 issued a Directive suspending the admission of patients placed at DSH facilities pursuant to Penal Code section 2684 (*Coleman* patients). This Directive is set to expire on April 15, 2020. On March 21, 2020, the Governor further provided the Director of the Department of State Hospitals authority to suspend any portion of the Penal Code as necessary to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Executive Order N-35-20.

During the last 30 days, the Department worked closely with CDCR to develop a plan to safely resume the transfer of individuals referred to DSH from CDCR pursuant to Penal Code section 2684.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and current clinical guidance that facilities must maximize their efforts to prevent the introduction or slow the transmission of COVID-19 into DSH hospitals, as of April 16, 2020, *Coleman* patient admissions to DSH hospitals will resume but effectuated pursuant to temporary guidelines and protocols created by DSH and CDCR.

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Director

Attachment: COVID-19 Guidelines for Transfer to DSH Inpatient Care