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Subject: Status of Meaningful Use (MU) Capability within Stanislaus County Public Health

Dear Medical Colleague:

This is a follow through to the attached letter of February 3, 2012. Within our local Public Health Department (PHD) we have MU capability within the following areas.

1. Immunizations. **COMPLETE MU CAPABILITY**. Our county continues to participate in the regional Healthy Futures online registry (formerly known as the RIDE Immunization Registry). If you need additional information regarding the system please call (209) 558-4817.
2. Reportable Lab Results. **LIMITED MU CAPABILITY**. We have capability regarding laboratory- reportable communicable diseases. Four years ago we implemented the web-based system now used by the state (Cal REDIE). However, we do not presently have the capability for health information exchange (HIE) of non-communicable lab data.
3. Syndromic Surveillance. **PARTIAL MU CAPABILITY**. We have implemented the Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) program in the Emergency Departments of four county Emergency Departments (Memorial Medical Center, Doctors Medical Center, Emanuel Medical Center, and Oak Valley Hospital). This system screens chief complaints for the following syndromes: influenza-like illness, rash illness, hemorrhagic illness, fever, respiratory/gastrointestinal/neurologic symptoms, botulism-like illness, shock and coma. Since mid-2014, the County is in transitioning to BioSense Also a Web based syndromic surveillance system that was developed in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). At the present time, syndromic surveillance data sharing is limited to hospital emergency data.

If you have questions or need additional information/clarification please contact lboddy@schsa.org.

Most Sincerely,

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February 3, 2012

Subject: Update on Meaningful Use (MU) Capability within Stanislaus County Public Health

Dear Medical Colleague:

We are eager to assist you with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Meaning Use (MU) requirements, especially since there are financial incentives for compliance. Within our local Public Health Department (PHD) we have MU capability within the following areas.

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3. Reportable Lab Results. **LIMITED MU CAPABILITY**. We have capability regarding laboratory-reportable communicable diseases. Four years ago we implemented the web-based system now used by the state (Cal REDIE). However, we do not presently have the capability for health information exchange (HIE) of non-communicable lab data. If you have questions regarding these services please call (209) 525-4856.

It is my understanding that your office or facility will not be penalized because our PHD does not presently have full MU capability. If you have questions or need additional information/clarification please e-mail me at jwalker@schsa.org.

Most Sincerely,

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