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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION FOR SECTION 100 FILING**CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS****TITLE 22, DIVISION 7, CHAPTER 10,
ARTICLE 8: PATIENT DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS****Section 97232**

Pursuant to Section 100 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) is making “Changes without regulatory effect” to Section 97232, of Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations. Health and Safety Code Section 128735 requires that California hospitals file a Hospital Discharge Abstract Data Record with OSHPD for each patient discharged. Patient-level data reporting is accomplished by means of an online reporting system called MIRCal (Medical Information Reporting for California).

Health and Safety Code section 128735 enumerates the data elements that must be included in each patient record, one of which is Expected Source of Payment (ESOP). That data element is implemented in Title 22, Section 97232, which consists of three parts: Payer Category, Type of Coverage and, if a Managed Care Knox-Keene health plan or a Medi-Cal County Organized Health System is reported, the Plan Code number identifying the plan must also be included.

OSHPD obtains the names and plan code numbers of the plans from the Department of Managed Health Care, the licensing entity. The number of plans licensed to operate in California is subject to change. This regulatory update adds three newly licensed plans, changes two existing plan names to newer licensed names, and removes one plan that is no longer licensed. The two plans with names changes were given new names – Honored Citizens Choice Health Plan, Inc. was renamed as Alignment Health Plan, and University Healthcare Advantage was renamed as Stanford Health Care Advantage. The list is also reorganized to maintain the alphabetical order of listed plans.

These changes are without regulatory effect under the provisions of Title 1, CCR Section 100 because these changes do not materially alter the requirements, rights, responsibilities, conditions or prescriptions contained in the original text. These changes impose no new regulatory burdens and do not materially alter any of the requirements or responsibilities imposed on reporting organizations by these regulations; the requirement to report ESOP is unchanged: the list of licensed plans is being updated in order to remain current.

