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To: All CCORP Hospitals

Subject: **California Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Outcomes Reporting Program (CCORP) Information on Data Collection and Public Reporting of Salvage Cases**

This bulletin is to inform you of a CCORP program change resulting from the Clinical Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting held on July 20, 2007. This change does **not** require new regulatory language.

The CAP approved a motion in April 2007 to exclude salvage cases from publicly reported mortality results for surgeons. On July 20, 2007 the CAP approved a motion to exclude salvage cases from hospital-level mortality results as well. The salvage exclusions are effective with public reports for data year 2007. These decisions should ensure that surgeons and hospitals have no disincentive to providing appropriate care for patients, regardless of their acuity. Salvage cases will be included in calculating mortality rates for the public reports using data from 2005 and 2006.

Hospitals must continue to collect and report salvage cases to CCORP. In order to verify the correct coding of salvage cases, CCORP will request that supporting documentation accompany data submissions, effective with the July – December 2007 submission period. Specifically, for each salvage case submitted in a semi-annual data file, the corresponding chart documentation is to be mailed to the Office by the submission due date. CCORP requests salvage case documentation be mailed in one batch, and not by individual cases.

Supporting documentation can include operative reports, "cath lab" reports and any chart documentation substantiating CCORP's definition of "**Status of Procedure = Emergent Salvage"**. The definition in effect is: the patient is undergoing cardiopulmonary resuscitation en route to the operating room or prior to anesthesia induction.

We will soon contact hospitals requesting documentation for salvage cases for the January – June 2007 data period.