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Re: Invitation to a Stakeholder's Meeting on Governor's Designation for Rural Health Clinic Certification

Dear Interested Stakeholder:

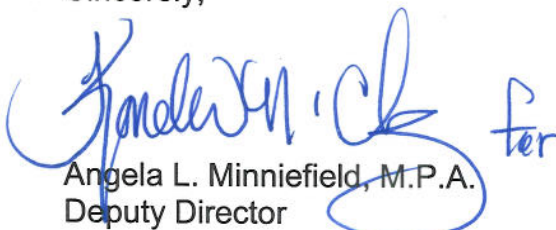
The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development's Healthcare Workforce Development Division is conducting research on the viability of Governor's Designation (GD) for the State of California. The GD would be applicable for Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Certification if the RHC is not eligible for a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and/or Medically Underserved Area (MUA) designation. An area would be considered for a GD if "unusual local conditions which are a barrier to access to or the availability of personal health services" exist and are documented.

Currently, California does not have a GD process in place; however, OSHPD/HWDD is examining what other States are doing in regard to GDs and is planning to develop proposed criteria for California. An important part of this process is to elicit opinion, input, and feedback from rural stakeholders. To this end, OSHPD/HWDD is hosting a meeting for open discussion about the GD. Your participation is especially important due to the direct impact an approved GD could impose upon your constituents. Please RSVP your attendance to KChung@oshpd.ca.gov by December 30, 2008.

January 6, 2009, Tuesday
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Konder N. Chung directly by telephone at (916) 326-3706 or by e-mail. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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