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To: Blood Banks and Plasma Centers

Subject: Elimination of State Donor Deferral Register

The State Donor Deferral Registry (SDDR) has been eliminated by Statute. This letter is intended to describe the actions the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) will be taking and how these changes will affect you. You are still required to comply with other non-SDDR regulations; some of these will be reviewed.

Senate Bill No. 1081 was signed into law by the Governor and was filed with the Secretary of State on September 17, 2003. The bill amends sections 1603.1, 1603.2, 1603.4, 1621.5 and 120990 of the Health and Safety Code. The bill eliminates the SDDR effective January 1, 2004. With the elimination of the SDDR, the requirement for you to report viral hepatitis and AIDS and HIV directly to the SDDR has also been eliminated. However, the requirements for reporting viral hepatitis, AIDS cases and HIV infections to the local health officer remain in effect. Please refer to the bill and the Legislative Council's Digest which is posted at:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1051-1100/sb_1081_bill_20030917_chaptered.pdf
or at: http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1051-1100/sb_1081_bill_20030917_chaptered.pdf

CDHS will cease production and maintenance of the SDDR effective January 1, 2004. The mid-December 2003 update will be the last you will receive from the State.

After January 1, 2004 you are no longer required to use the SDDR; you can dispose of the SDDR by confidential destruction. If you choose to do so, you can incorporate the existing SDDR into a donor deferral list which you may maintain for your own facility's use. However, if you retain SDDR records in your list, remember that the State will no longer operate the SDDR, including the clearance of persons from the registry. Therefore, if you choose to include the SDDR records in your internal deferral list, you will need to establish your own protocols to clear persons from your list.

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For reporting of viral hepatitis, HIV or AIDS to your local health officer, please refer to the applicable codes or regulations.

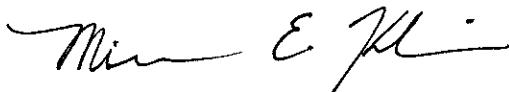
California Codes, including the Health and Safety Code can be referenced via the internet at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>

The California Code of Regulations can be referenced via the internet at: <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/>

Specific sections of the Code of Regulations which may be applicable to you would include 17CCR 2505 and 17CCR 2641.5-2643.2.

We wish to thank you for your past participation and cooperation in the operation of the SDDR. If you have additional questions, please send a note to Stan Bissell, Acting Chief of Statistics and Surveillance Sections, Division of Communicable Disease Control at sbissell@dhs.ca.gov or call (916) 552-9720.

Sincerely,



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