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Dear Healthcare Provider,

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in consultation with the California Conference of Local Health Officers, recently updated Title 17 section 2500 of the California Code of Regulations. Section 2500 specifies that healthcare providers must report all cases of the listed conditions to the local health department within the specified timeframe. This letter is to inform you of these changes and to remind you of the reporting requirements outlined in this section.

These changes, effective immediately, are summarized below. The updated 2500 condition list is posted on the CDPH Division of Communicable Disease Control website and can be found here: http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/Documents/Reportable_Diseases_Conditions.pdf

**Changes to Title 17 Section 2500**

- The following conditions have been **removed** and are no longer required to be reported to the local health department:
  - Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID)
  - Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
  - *Staphylococcus aureus* infection
  - Toxic Shock Syndrome

- The following conditions have been **added** and are now required to be reported to the local health department:
  - Chikungunya Virus Infection – *report within one working day*
  - Flavivirus infection of undetermined species – *report immediately by telephone*
  - Novel Virus Infection with Pandemic Potential – *report immediately by telephone*
  - Respiratory Syncytial Virus (only report a death in a patient less than five years of age) – *report within seven calendar days*
  - Zika Virus Infection - *report immediately by telephone*

- The following conditions have been **reworded** for clarity:
  - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is reworded to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection, stage 3 (AIDS)
    - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Acute Infection now appears as a separate condition in the list.
• Anaplasmosis/Ehrlichiosis now appear as two separate conditions in the list
• Chickenpox (Varicella) (only hospitalizations and deaths) is reworded to Chickenpox (Varicella) (outbreaks, hospitalizations and deaths)
• Dengue is reworded to Dengue Virus Infection
• *Haemophilus influenzae*, invasive disease is reworded to *Haemophilus influenzae*, invasive disease, all serotypes

  o The following conditions have a change in a reporting requirement:
    • *Haemophilus influenzae*, invasive disease, is now required to be reported only in persons less than five years of age (previously was in persons less than 15 years of age).
    • Hantavirus Infection is now required to be reported within one working day of identification (previously was immediately reportable).

Please contact your local health department if you have any questions about your communicable disease reporting requirements.

Sincerely,

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