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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
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SUBJECT: CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION CENTERS (MHRCs)

On September 20, 1995, the Department issued emergency regulations for MHRCs (DMH Letter No. 95-05). Since that time, two proposals have been received for child and adolescent MHRCs, and Department staff are aware of other such proposals being developed.

In view of the parallel development of regulations for Community Treatment Facilities (CTFs) for children and adolescents, the Department has determined that it will approve and license only one pilot MHRC for children and adolescents. This MHRC program proposal was submitted by San Bernardino County for Shandin Hills Adolescent Center. The Department is imposing a moratorium for one year on the approval and licensure of MHRCs for children and adolescents.

If you have questions regarding MHRCs, please contact Al Schmid, Ph.D., Chief, Licensing and Certification at (916) 654-2396.

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