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FACILITY: Children's Hospital of Orange County, LICENSE # 060000011

APPROVAL OF PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY FOR FLEX-6828

Dear Daniel Price,

This letter is in response to the request submitted by **Children's Hospital of Orange County** for program flexibility for California Code of Regulations T22 DIV5 CH1 ART6-70551(d)(10).

The alternative means of compliance with T22 DIV5 CH1 ART6-70551(d)(10) include

CHOC NICU provides this treatment. protocol. CHOC Newborn eye prophylaxis with erythromycin ointment Program. The NICU will use erythromycin ophthalmic ointment for prophylactic Crede treatment for newborn eyes (applicable to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - NICU patients) The Crede eye treatment represents a standard alternative method of newborn eye treatment.

Your request for program flexibility of **T22 DIV5 CH1 ART6-70551(d)(10)** is approved under the following conditions:

- Approval conditions for this program flex apply to the prophylactic crede treatment of the eyes of a newborn.
- Hospital will continue screening and providing treatment for active infant ophthalmia infections.

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- Hospital may use Erythromycin ointment instead of 1% Silver Nitrate for prophylactic crede treatment of the eyes of a newborn.
- Hospital will continue to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Committee on Infectious Diseases of American Academy of Pediatrics for the prophylactic crede treatment of newborns' eyes.
- If a shortage of Erythromycin occurs in the hospital, the hospital will follow the guidance from the Federal Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Hospital will adhere to its current policies and procedures regarding prophylactic crede treatment of the eyes of a newborn and will ensure that this policy is approved by the medical staff and governing body.

Either this letter or a true copy thereof shall be posted immediately adjacent to the facility's license.

This approval shall remain in effect from Aug 28, 2023 until Aug 27, 2026.

NOTE: The Department may revoke the program flexibility if the licensee does not comply with the conditions set forth in the approval or if the department determines the proposed alternative does not adequately meet the intent of the regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Centralized Program Flex Unit at (916) 323-5053 or by email at CentralizedProgramFlex@cdph.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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