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California Department of Developmental Services Responds To Decertification Action by CDPH Against Sonoma Developmental Center's Intermediate Care Facility

SACRAMENTO -- The State Department of Developmental Services (DDS) issued the following statement today in response to enforcement actions taken by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH):

Today, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) was informed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), that the Intermediate Care Facility-Developmental Disability (ICF-DD) units at Sonoma Developmental Center (Sonoma DC) will be decertified.

The Department is committed to ensuring the health and safety of the residents of Sonoma DC and we will continue to focus our efforts on these individuals as we continue to operate these units. The Department also appreciates all of the hard work and effort by the dedicated staff in making improvements that have been implemented over the past few years.

This decertification comes after an initial decertification action on December 12, 2012, which resulted in a Performance Improvement Plan for SDC with the goal of making improvements to retain federal funding. Although many improvements have been made at Sonoma DC, upon review by CDPH it was determined that the facility did not reach sufficient compliance. While the decertification action announced today affects seven units in the ICF-DD program and 166 residents, those units remain fully operational and services for residents will not be interrupted. The Department will review the findings of the survey and evaluate whether to file an appeal of this action. The Department will continue to support the improvements at SDC and remains committed to regaining federal certification.

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