As of October 1, 2022, Palomar Health becomes the designated hospital-based training center for forensic medical evidentiary exams in the state of California. California Penal Code section 13823.93 defines the California Clinical Forensic Medical Training Center, also known as the “CCFMTC”. The CCFMTC, funded by both state and federal funds, is assigned to a qualified hospital by a competitive bid process under the EM Program and is administered by the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, also known as CalOES.

The CCFMTC (EM Program) ensures forensic medical examinations are conducted in a standard and consistent manner throughout California. This is accomplished through the development of standardized forms, protocols, and training for forensic medical examiners, law enforcement, prosecutors, and court personnel.

Palomar Health would like to recognize the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) for all of their hard work and dedication in facilitating the CCFMTC for over the past 10 years. Currently, Palomar Health is working in collaboration with the CDAA to ensure a smooth transition and warm handoff. We are excited to work with key stakeholders as we implement the CCFMTC goals over the next year. The standardized medical evidentiary exam forms and protocols can be found at https://www.palomarhealth.org/forensic-medical-examination-forms starting October 1, 2022.

Additionally, many exam teams in the state of California are using the E-923 system. Therefore, there will be a 60-day extension on the use of this system. This extension will allow teams using the system the opportunity phase out their use. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

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Sincerely,

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