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Ms. Marina Servantez Member Services Specialist ACHD 1215 K Street, Suite 2005 Sacramento, CA 95814 **VIA EMAIL**

RE: Palomar Health's Application for Re-Certification as a Certified Healthcare District

Dear Ms. Servantez:

When beginning Palomar Health's ("the District/District's") online re-certification application, there wasn't an option to state that the request for a link to the District's policy on grant funding was not applicable.

Unlike other districts that do not operate their own healthcare facilities, Palomar Health operates two acute care hospitals, a skilled nursing facility, and provides other services within the District to support our Mission to heal, comfort and promote health in the communities we serve. Therefore, not only isn't there a need for the District to provide grant funding to aid other nonprofit or governmental entities operating within the District to provide such services, it would be detrimental to the District to aid the competition.

Please accept this as an explanation for why the District does not have a grant funding policy.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Hansen President & CEO