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**NOTICE**

TO: Education Providers and Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Revised Eight-Hour Long Term Care Outline

Background

Senate Bill 1943 (Mello) Long-Term Care Insurance was signed into law in 1992 and took effect on January 1, 1993. This bill added Section 10234.93 to the California Insurance Code (CIC) to implement the eight-hour long-term care (LTC) training requirements.

Specifically, Section 10234.93 mandates that individuals authorized to sell LTC insurance must complete an eight-hour LTC course prior to soliciting individual consumers for the sale of LTC insurance. Additionally, newly licensed agents must complete eight hours of LTC training every year for the first four years that they are licensed. Beginning in the fifth year that they are licensed, licensees are required to complete eight hours of LTC training every two-year license term.

The LTC training may count towards the licensee's continuing education (CE) requirement. Nonresident licensees, who are exempt from California's CE requirement are still required to complete one eight-hour LTC course during each two-year license term.

The initial LTC outline titled "TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED IN 8-HOUR LONG-TERM CARE COURSES" was revised in February 2000. In January 2004 the curriculum was updated and the outline was renamed as the "2004 Long-Term Care Outline."

Eight-Hour Long Term Care Course Revisions

In September 2008, Senate Bill 483 (Kuehl, Chapter 379, Statutes of 2008) Medi-Cal: home and facility care was signed into law and in 2010 the National Health Care Reform bill was signed into law. Both of these measures prompted the California Department of Insurance's (CDI) Curriculum Board's LTC Subcommittee to review and update the 2004 Long Term Care Outline. At the Curriculum Board's July 15, 2010, the Mandatory Eight-Hour Long Term Care Course Outline was approved and is now available on CDI's Website at <http://www.insurance.ca.gov/0200-industry/0050-renew-license/0400-resident-materials/upload/Mand8HrLTCOutline.pdf>.

Newly submitted eight-hour LTC courses must have the course material cross referenced with the Mandatory Eight-Hour Long Term Care Course Outline. In addition, eight-hour LTC courses that are currently approved will need to be updated to reflect the topics stated in the Outline at time the course is renewed. Once again, please cross reference the updated text to the Outline to ensure that the course renewal can be processed in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or concerns with this Notice, please contact the Education Section at (916) 492-3064.