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To: Each Supervisor

From: Michael J. Henry
Director of Personnel

Subject: **BLUE CROSS PROVIDER ISSUE**

On February 18, 2005, I advised your Board of a change in the Blue Cross Provider network that would impact some County employees and their families enrolled in the Blue Cross medical plans. Specifically, Blue Cross informed us that it terminated its contract with Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, effective February 15, 2005.

The State of California's Department of Managed Health Care has now ordered Blue Cross to restart its contract with Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center. As a result, until further notice, Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center will continue to be an in-network hospital under the Blue Cross medical plans. Blue Cross has mailed letters to all affected employees announcing this development. It is important to note the Department of Managed Health Care's order is subject to change at any time. We will notify you promptly if and when that happens.

If you have any questions, please call me, or your staff may call Marian Hall, Senior Human Resources Manager, at (213) 738-2255.

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