



October 28, 2008

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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has processed your application and is pleased to notify you of California Hospital Patient Safety Organization's listing as a Patient Safety Organization (PSO) by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Your organization's listing will be effective on November 5, 2008 and will be effective for a period of three years until midnight on November 4, 2011. Furthermore, your AHRQ-assigned PSO number is P0002 and your listing will be published within the next week on AHRQ's PSO Web site at [www.pso.ahrq.gov](http://www.pso.ahrq.gov). You will receive an additional letter from AHRQ shortly detailing the technical assistance services that are available to all listed PSOs.

To remain listed as a PSO, the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (Patient Safety Act) requires each PSO to have two bona fide contracts during each successive 24-month period, beginning with the initial date of listing. In your case, this requirement must be met no later than midnight on November 4, 2010. To facilitate program administration, as reflected in the Interim Guidance (*Appendix B: Applicable Provisions of the Patient Safety NPRM*; reference section 3.102(d)(1)), the Secretary will need to receive a notice from a PSO at least 45 days before the deadline attesting whether or not the PSO has met this requirement. Please use the form entitled *Attestation Regarding the Two Bona Fide Contracts Requirement* for this purpose. To obtain and complete the form, please visit AHRQ's PSO Web site at <http://www.pso.ahrq.gov/listing/psiforms.htm#contrfm>. We encourage PSOs to submit this form as soon as they have met this requirement; the list of PSOs on the Web site will identify when a PSO has met the requirement.

The Patient Safety Act also requires a PSO to file a disclosure statement regarding certain specified types of relationships with each provider with whom the PSO has entered a contract. To determine if any disclosure statements will be expected from your organization, please review the requirements outlined in the Interim Guidance (*Appendix B: Applicable Provisions of the Patient Safety NPRM*; reference section 3.102(d)(2)). If you are required to submit a disclosure statement, please note that the applicable form is available on AHRQ's PSO Web site at <http://www.pso.ahrq.gov/listing/psiforms.htm#contrfm>. To review the Interim Guidance sections referenced above, you can access the Interim Guidance on AHRQ's PSO Web site at <http://www.pso.ahrq.gov/regulations/intguid.htm>.

If you have any questions regarding AHRQ's policies and procedures for PSOs, please contact the PSO Office via email at [PSO@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:PSO@ahrq.hhs.gov) or toll free at (866) 403-3697 or (866) 438-7231 (TTY).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William B. Munier".

William B. Munier, M.D.