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Dear Chief Administrative Officers/Legal Counsel for California's Local Health Jurisdictions:

This letter is to memorialize conversations we have had in recent days on the memorandum of understanding governing vaccine allocation and administration.

Recognizing that local health jurisdictions play a critical role as a coordinator of the vaccine effort, Blue Shield as the state's Third-Party Administrator (TPA) will collaborate and coordinate vaccination plans with Counties/LHJs and jointly and directly propose to the Government Operations Agency (Agency) distributions for all vaccine providers participating in the statewide network within each jurisdiction. Agency shall ensure that the TPA consults with the County/LHJ before making any allocation recommendations, and Agency's allocation decisions shall be concurrently communicated to the County/LHJ and TPA.

Additionally, the County/LHJ, using its discretion and subject to approval of the Agency, may distribute portions of vaccines allocated to the County/LHJ to County/LHJ-supported sites. Accordingly, Paragraph C of Section 2 of the MOU is modified consistent with this paragraph.

With this assurance, we look forward to receiving your signed MOU as soon as possible so that we may include you in the state's vaccination network and prepare to deliver tens of millions of vaccinations efficiently and equitably.

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Sincerely,

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