

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that pursuant to Section 1442.5 of the California Health and Safety Code (Beilenson Act), the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County will hold a public hearing commencing on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 12:00 noon, in the Board of Supervisors' hearing room, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

The subject of the hearing will be the elimination of inpatient and emergency room services at Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center, as set forth in the attachments to this notice, which are incorporated herein by this reference.

This hearing is intended to afford members of the public an opportunity to be heard regarding the impact of the closures.

Additional information regarding this hearing may be obtained by writing or calling:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Health Services
313 North Figueroa Street, Room 912
Los Angeles, California 90012
ATTN: BEILENSEN HEARING
(800) 427-8700

AVISO PÚBLICO

Favor de notar que de acuerdo con la Sección 1442.5 del Código de Salubridad y Seguridad del Estado de California, (Ley Beilenson), la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Los Angeles tendrá una audiencia pública comenzando el Martes, Octubre 30, 2007 a las 12:00pm en la Sala de Audiencias, ubicada en el 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

El tema de la audiencia será la eliminación de servicios para pacientes internados y sitio de emergencia en el Centro Médico de Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew, según se manifiestan en los documentos adjuntos que son incorporados en éste aviso por medio de ésta referencia.

El propósito de ésta audiencia es para dar la oportunidad al público de ser escuchado respecto al impacto de la eliminación de servicios.

Puede obtener información adicional sobre ésta audiencia escribiendo o llamando al:

Condado de Los Angeles
Departamento de Servicios de Salud
313 North Figueroa Street, Room 912
Los Angeles, California 90012
Atencion: AUDENCIA DE BEILENSON
(800) 427-8700

PUBLIC NOTICE
ATTACHMENT

TYPE OF PROGRAM

Inpatient Services

LOCATION

Martin Luther King Jr. – Harbor Hospital
12021 S. Wilmington Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90059

Description of Reduction by Facility and Service with Beds and Persons Affected

The following inpatient hospital services at Martin Luther King Jr. – Harbor Hospital were eliminated:

<u>SERVICE TYPE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED AVERAGE REDUCTION OF BEDS (1)</u>	<u>ESTIMATED AVERAGE PERSONS AFFECTED PER MONTH</u>
Obstetrics	6	69
Medical/Surgical	30	266
Critical / Intensive Care Unit	<u>12</u>	<u>24</u>
Total	48	359

All or a portion of these inpatient service eliminations were implemented on or after August 10, 2007.⁽²⁾

EXPECTED SAVINGS

None.

NOTES:

- (1) The Department of Health Services has retained the same 153 inpatient bed capacity present at the hospital prior to the September 2006 survey by the federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) by opening an additional 52 beds at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, an additional 20 beds at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center, and an additional 17 beds under existing MetroCare private hospital contracts. Additionally, the Department has retained 64 inpatient beds previously opened at County facilities and private facilities under the MetroCare plan.
- (2) On August 10, 2007, the Department of Health Services notified the California State licensing authority that, in light of the notice of termination of the hospital's provider contract served by CMS, and the immediate, critical staffing shortages that resulted from that notice, the Department initiated urgent action to protect patient safety, including the closure of inpatient services at the hospital.

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TYPE OF PROGRAM

Emergency Room

LOCATION

Martin Luther King Jr. – Harbor Hospital
12021 S. Wilmington Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90059

Description of Reduction by Facility and Service with Visits and Persons Affected

The following outpatient services at Martin Luther King Jr. – Harbor Hospital were eliminated:

<u>SERVICE TYPE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED AVERAGE REDUCTION OF MONTHLY VISITS (1)</u>	<u>ESTIMATED AVERAGE PERSONS AFFECTED PER MONTH</u>
Emergency Room	2,464	2,230

All of these outpatient service eliminations were implemented on or after August 10, 2007.⁽²⁾

EXPECTED SAVINGS

None.

NOTES:

- (1) The Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS), in cooperation with private hospitals and EMS providers, redrew existing ambulance service areas to redirect 911 ambulances to nine surrounding hospitals in a 12 mile radius from the hospital. Additionally, these "Impacted Hospitals" receive priority consideration for transfers of County-responsible patients into the County system. For patients unable to be transferred, the County, pursuant to "Impacted Hospital" contracts, provides for inpatient beds in the private sector and reimbursement to these hospitals for admitted patients. Finally, the Department continues to provide Urgent Care Services 16 hours daily, 7 days per week, and it continues to operate a Multi Service Ambulatory Care Center, keeping intact outpatient clinics and surgical specialties.
- (2) On August 10, 2007, the Department of Health Services notified the California State licensing authority that, in light of the notice of termination of the hospital's provider contract served by CMS, and the immediate, critical staffing shortages that resulted from that notice, the Department initiated urgent action to protect patient safety, including the closure of emergency department services at the hospital.