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Attention Provider Type 20 (Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O.):

Update Regarding Metabolic Treatment Program through Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS)

The Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) would like physicians to be aware of a change in the metabolic treatment program provided through the Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS). Please review the [attached letter](#) from ADSD/NEIS, which explains the changes and provides referral resources.

Steve Sisolak
Governor



Richard Whitley, MS
Director

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Dena Schmidt
Administrator

December 3, 2021

Dear Community Providers,

We regret to inform you that as of December 31, 2021, Dr. Longo will no longer be providing metabolic treatment services through Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS). Since Dr. Longo is no longer contracted through NEIS, our dietitians will also not be able to provide specialized metabolic nutrition services including ordering of labs and specialized formulas. As such, your patients with inborn errors of metabolism will need to be referred to new metabolic programs as soon as possible. Below is a list of referral sources for metabolic programs in surrounding states.

We understand the news of this change is difficult and we fully recognize the importance of having a dedicated metabolic specialist within the state to monitor these children with complex medical and dietary needs. NEIS, in collaboration with UNR, Renown, the State Public Health Lab, and the Department of Public and Behavioral Health are attempting to find a solution but the situation is quite complex. Please know that we are taking the matter very seriously and will inform you as soon as possible of any new processes.

If you are the assigned primary care provider for a child with an inborn error of metabolism, the NEIS dietitians will be forwarding information to you shortly regarding your patient's metabolic condition. This will include information on current blood PHE monitoring, lab orders, prescriptions, metabolic formula, and low protein specialty foods. A copy of this letter will also be sent to the child's parents/guardians.

Dr. Longo's services to support our patients with inborn errors of metabolism has been greatly appreciated. We hope that we have provided you with the information you will need to make the transition. Should you have any questions, you can contact Sarah Horsman-Ploeger, NEIS Health Program Manager (Northern Nevada), SHorsmanPloeger@adsd.nv.gov, or Fatima Taylor, Clinical Program Manager (Southern Nevada), ftaylor@adsd.nv.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Stage".

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Referral Resources:

Madelena Martin, M.D.
UC Davis Medical Group Mind Institute Clinic
2825 50thSt.
Sacramento, California 95817
916-703-0300
800-482-3284 (UCD Referral Center)

Gregory Enns, M.D.
Stanford Children's Health Genetic and Metabolic
730 Welch Road
Palo Alto, CA 94304
650-721-5804
650-498-4555 (Fax)

Susan Winter, M.D.
Carolina Galarreta, M.D.
9300 Valley Children's Place SE17
Madera, CA 93636
559-353-6400
559-353-7213 (Fax)

Marthand Eswara, M.D.
Sutter Health Children's Center
1625 Stockton Blvd. Suite 112
Sacramento, CA 95816
916-887-4869
916-887-4872 (Fax)

Derek Alan Wong MD
Alvaro Serrano Russi, MD
Children's Hospital Los Angeles
Division of Medical Genetics
4650 Sunset Blvd. MS #90
Los Angeles, CA 90027
323-361-2178
323-361-1172 (Fax)

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center
UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital
UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica
10833 Le Conte 32263 Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90095
310-206-6581, 310-825-0867
310-206-8616 (Fax)

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CHOC Children's Specialty Care Clinic
Specialty: Metabolic Disorders
Board Certified: Clinical and Biochemical Genetics
1201 W. La Veta Ave.
Orange, CA 92868
888-770-2462 (Appointments)

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Lorenzo Botto M.D., PhD
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Medical Genetics/Pediatrics
University of Utah
295 Chipeta Way
Salt Lake City, UT 84108
801-565-2457
801-587-7690 (Fax)

Annette Faigenbaum, MD
Rebecca Mardach, MD
Rady Children's Hospital San Diego
3020 Children's Way
San Diego, CA 92123
Referrals: 800-788-9029