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TO: ALL ADULT AND SENIOR CARE PROGRAM LICENSEES

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SUBJECT: **TERMINOLOGY CHANGE FROM DERMAL ULCERS TO PRESSURE INJURIES**

**Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary**

PIN 19-02-ASC provides information regarding the change in terminology from “dermal ulcers” to “pressure injury” and guidance on regulations and reporting requirements for injuries until regulations are updated.

The [National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel \(NPUAP\)](#) replaced the term “pressure ulcer, dermal ulcer or decubitus ulcers” with the term “pressure injury” to more accurately describe pressure injuries to both intact and ulcerated skin. NPUAP has also updated the stages of pressure injury, added the definition of “deep tissue pressure injury” and “unstageable pressure injury”. This change has been formally adopted by other California State Departments and has been changed in regulations for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, effective October 1, 2018.

For adult community care facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically III, the change in terminology does not change the regulatory language or reporting responsibilities for “dermal ulcers”.

The term “dermal ulcers” will be used interchangeably with “pressure injuries” until all regulations for adult community care facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically III are updated.

If you have any questions, please contact your local regional office.