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**Dominican named CCS Pediatric Community Hospital**

*Designation recognizes capabilities for special-needs children*

SANTA CRUZ – Dominican Hospital has received Children’s Medical Services (CMS)/California Children’s Services (CCS) full approval as a CCS Pediatric Community Hospital.

This designation recognizes Dominican Hospital as a comprehensive program designed to take care of our youngest patients’ most special needs. In order for a facility to become a CSS Pediatric Community Hospital, it must meet several requirements, including having expert pediatric staff—physicians, nurses, therapists, medical social workers, clinical registered dietitians and more—on hand for any pediatric patient.

Facilities, equipment and procedures appropriate to pediatric patients must also be in place to ensure that children receive the highest quality of care at CCS Pediatric Community Hospitals. Dominican is the only hospital in Santa Cruz County to receive this approval.

“Dominican Hospital has provided quality care for children on the Central Coast since 1941,” said Julie Clayton, RN, chief nursing officer. “We are pleased and proud to be recognized for our commitment to the community.”

CCS provides funding to care for children with certain medical conditions, typically ones that required medicines, surgery or rehab; or those that are physically disabling.