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## **DOH Posts Berger Commission Implementation Report**

**ABSTRACT:** State Reports to CMS on Berger Commission Actions.

The Department of Health (DOH) recently reported to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on actions taken to implement the Berger Commission recommendations. The report was required by the Federal-State Health Reform Partnership agreement between New York and CMS.

The report indicates that eight nursing homes and nine hospitals will close by the end of this year, with 2,300 nursing home beds and 2,800 hospital beds eliminated. By 2011, another 500 nursing home beds and 700 hospital beds will have been decertified, with many of the nursing home beds converted to assisted living and community services.

Available at

[http://www.nyhealth.gov/facilities/commission/docs/implementation\\_of\\_the\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_commission.pdf](http://www.nyhealth.gov/facilities/commission/docs/implementation_of_the_report_of_the_commission.pdf), the report discusses the status of each recommendation; implementation strategy and timelines; and implications for service access.

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