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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members

FROM: Patrick Cucinelli, Senior Financial Policy Analyst

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SUBJECT: New York State Electronic Certificate of Need System

ROUTE TO: Administrator, CFO

ABSTRACT: DOH taps NYAHS for electronic Certificate of Need (CON) workgroup.

Introduction

The Department of Health (DOH) is initiating a project to develop an electronic certificate of need process entitled New York State Electronic Certificate of Need System (NYSE-CON).

Through the NYSE-CON project DOH hopes to achieve improvements to the efficiency, transparency and timeliness of the CON process. According to DOH, "The project seeks to streamline the process, reduce the flow of paper, improve access to information about the CON process, support local health planning and improve work flow through the creation of an Internet-based electronic CON application."

Project workgroup

DOH has invited NYAHS to participate in a project workgroup tasked with helping to design the new system.

The priority for DOH is to update the CON process in response to changes in the provider community's operating environment and technical advances. While some aspects of the CON process have been adjusted over the years, other aspects have become obsolete, too cumbersome, too lengthy or too expensive. These issues are of shared concern to DOH, providers and other stakeholders.

Both NYAHSAs staff and member representatives will participate in the project. To represent our membership on the work group, NYAHSAs has submitted the names of two members: 1.) Jay Gormley, Director of Strategic Planning at the Metropolitan Jewish Health System (Brooklyn), and 2.) David Howells, Director of Planning at Northeast Health (Capital District). NYAHSAs is very grateful to Jay and David for volunteering to serve and share their extensive expertise in CON matters on behalf of our membership.

NYAHSAs supports DOH's goal of improving the process for all stakeholders.

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