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Special Edition on Integration Strategy

At the January 30, 2009 meeting of the NE LHIN Board of Directors, directors reviewed the comments received from health service providers on the proposed three funding options that were posted to the NE LHIN website for comment and discussion in early December, 2008. Since this time, rich dialogue on the proposed options and integration comments in general has taken place.

The Board of Directors and staff of the NE LHIN reviewed each comment received and are fully appreciative of the time and energy health service providers spent in submitting their comments.

A summary of comments received includes:

- There is little to no appetite from health service providers to take a portion of committed health service provider funds to build a NE LHIN integration fund in 2009/2010.
- There is support to continue to pursue integration activities and to implement the NE LHIN integration strategy.
- There is a need to engage in further dialogue and education activities to ensure broad-based understanding of the integration strategy, its process, roles and responsibilities within it and timelines

Going Forward...

In summary, we asked for your input, you provided your comments; we thank you. In addition, the NE LHIN will:

- Flow the amount of funds identified in the MLAA and will NOT be reducing health service provider planning estimates for 2009/2010.
- Review all H-SIP proposals received by the deadline of January 31, 2009 and determine which ones may be supported through available onetime funding.
- Continue to work on moving the integration strategy forward.
- Develop a schedule for dialogue and engagement activities between to allow for clarity on NE LHIN expectations, timeframes, roles and responsibilities; and anticipated support.
- Document and share current and previous integration activities within NE LHIN.

- Work with health service providers to collaboratively determine how integration can be increased based on what has been done and what has yet to be done.
- Encourage you to continue the rich dialogue on moving the integration strategy forward by submitting your thoughts, comments and ideas to the new [ongoing integration comments page](#).

Once again the **NE LHIN wishes to thank you** for your interest and energy to move integration activities forward. Integration will only succeed through collaboration and we are anxious to work with you on this important priority.

 [Learn more about the Integration Strategy](#)

 [Visit the new ongoing integration comments page](#)

