

Hospital Service Accountability Agreement *Update*

LHINs and OHA approve new H-SAA template

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All Ontario Hospital CEOs and Board Chairs

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Further to the *Hospital Service Accountability Agreement Update* communiqué dated December 4th, we are very pleased to announce that **Local Health Integration Networks** (LHINs) and the **Ontario Hospital Association** (OHA) have **formally approved** the Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) template for use by LHINs and hospitals in negotiations for 2008/09 and 2009/10.

The LHINs and the OHA have agreed to release the template on Friday January 11th 2008. A question and answer document will be provided to assist LHINs and hospitals in understanding the template. This Q & A is in addition to other education material, available on the **JPPC website** at www.jppc.org, which has been released over the past several months to support preparations for H-SAA negotiations. A joint LHIN and OHA webcast is also being planned for **Monday January 21st 2008** to provide information about the new template and offer participants the opportunity to ask any questions as well. We appreciate the support of the Joint Policy and Planning Committee (JPPC) in assisting with coordination of the webcast and disseminating the supporting materials.

Additional information on education and communication activities will be provided in the time ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact your LHIN or the OHA directly if you have any questions in the interim.

All the best for a happy and healthy holiday season!

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