

Hospital Service Accountability Agreement *Update*

Introduction

This is the fourth communiqué regarding the discussions of the H-SAA Steering Committee on the development of the Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) for 2010-2012.

HAPS Update

As has previously been communicated, the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) are revising the Hospital Annual Planning Submission (HAPS) to ensure that the document better reflects the changes that have taken place in Ontario's health care system since the Guidelines were first drafted several years ago. The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) welcomes the opportunity to work with the LHINs via the Steering Committee as the HAPS document is revised and is providing advice and comments as the process proceeds.

On Monday, June 29th, the H-SAA Steering Committee reviewed a preliminary draft of the proposed HAPS Guidelines for 2010-2012. Some of the key changes in the draft revised Guidelines include:

- A focus on the next two years, with added emphasis on creating a longer term, stable and sustainable system plan;
- Concentrating on the delivery of safe, high quality, accessible care within available resources;
- Retiring the previous seven stage HAPS decision-making process;
- Emphasis on improving engagement among hospitals, LHINs and other agencies;
- Coordination and communication of potential changes between agencies before submission;
- Fewer and more relevant indicators; and
- A name change to "Hospital Accountability Planning Submission"

LHIN and hospital members of the Steering Committee agreed that the document is developing well. At the same time, the Steering Committee also provided comments to the HAPS Working Group on changes that should be incorporated into the next draft.

The Steering Committee is mindful of the fact that the revised version of the HAPS document will still be a working draft. As a result, to receive advice and feedback directly from the field, a "Table-top" exercise involving five hospitals and their corresponding LHINs will be held in July.

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HAPS Update Continued

The OHA will also be establishing a mechanism for other hospitals to provide feedback on the draft document and the LHIN Collaborative (LHINC) will do the same for other LHINs.

The revised HAPS Guidelines to be used during these consultation exercises are expected to be completed by July 3rd (English) and July 14 (French).

Additional information will be made available to all LHINs and hospitals on the development of revised HAPS Guidelines in the short time ahead. The final version of the HAPS Guidelines for 2010 -2012 will be released on August 7th.

Indicator Working Group Update

At the June 29th meeting, the Indicator Working Group reported its progress to the H-SAA Steering Committee. The Steering Committee reaffirmed its view that any new indicators that might be under consideration should be necessary to performance and/or alignment with the M-SAA. The Steering Committee may ultimately agree to new indicators for the new H-SAA, but will do so using a measured and structured approach as recommended in the KPMG H-SAA report.

Next Steps

The next meeting of the group will take place on July 15th, and further updates on the progress of the Committee's work will be provided in upcoming communiqués.

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