

Hospital Service Accountability Agreement *Update*

Introduction

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

Planning Targets

The H-SAA SC continues to work with the Ministry with regard to the release of financial targets as soon as possible in order to facilitate planning and the completion of the HAPS.

The H-SAA SC is reminding both LHINs and hospitals that since there have been no financial targets distributed by the MOHLTC; any planning at this stage should encompass a series of scenarios rather than assume a particular number or percentage for the financial targets.

H-SAA Template

The H-SAA Steering Committee discussed and agreed upon a process to start examining the content of the actual H-SAA template. The focus for discussion at the meeting on August 19th will be on what is working well, what needs modification and what is missing in the H-SAA template.

HAPS Guidelines

Early feedback from the field was presented to the HSAA SC by the HAPS Guidelines Working Group. The HSAA SC expressed appreciation for the work done by the Working Group to date and will be focusing on finalizing the guidelines by the end of July.

The H-SAA SC would like to remind hospitals and LHINs to send their feedback on the draft guidelines to either Lou Reidel (lreidel@oha.com) for hospitals or Liane Fernandes (liane.fernandes@lhins.on.ca) for LHINS by **July 19, 2009**.

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Indicator Working Group

The Indicator Working Group has completed its initial review of all the indicators and presented their preliminary recommendations to the H-SAA SC for discussion and feedback. The presentation included a discussion on all the types of indicators (performance, monitoring, developmental and explanatory) and the group spent some time considering the ramifications of any recommended change. The current expectation is that the working group will complete its recommendations on indicators, targets and target corridors to the H-SAA Steering Committee by the end of August.

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