

Hospital Service Accountability Agreement Update

Introduction

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

Changes to the HAPS/H-SAA Process for 2010/11 Confirmed:

Following the September 30th meeting of the H-SAA Steering Committee, a small working group with LHIN, hospital and OHA representation was tasked with succinctly defining the HAPS and H-SAA process change for 2010/11 and crafting the tools and templates required to support the process. The work of this group was presented to the H-SAA Steering Committee on Wednesday, October 28th, where unanimous agreement was achieved on the direction for the upcoming fiscal year.

In consideration of the unprecedented and unpredictable environment currently facing LHINs and hospitals, a one year extension of the current H-SAA agreement (2008-2010) is being recommended for 2010/11. As previously communicated, a HAPS submission is no longer required for November 30th, 2009. Instead, hospitals will be required to provide LHINs with a Management Planning and Risk Report (MPRR) for 2010/11, by December 15th, 2009. The MPRR will contain standardized templates. Additional information about the process for 2010/11 will be provided during the upcoming video conference/web cast to ensure consistency in approach between all hospitals and LHINs in the short time ahead.

Hospitals and LHINs are encouraged to continue to work closely on planning scenarios based on 0%, 1% and 2% funding allocations. The H-SAA Steering Committee once again underscores the importance of hospitals to look at creative strategies to make their operations more effective and efficient, without negatively impacting patient services. The Steering Committee continues to work closely with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to address performance management considerations related to extending the existing H-SAA for 2010/11.

A videoconference/webcast session has been planned for Thursday, November 12th to inform all hospitals and LHINs on the new process for 2010/11 and respond to questions from the field. Registration details will be provided very shortly. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document and other supporting materials will be circulated to all hospitals and LHINs in advance of the videoconference session.

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New Milestone Key Dates

Key dates for hospitals and LHINs to note:

Nov. 6th, 2009	*****	Release of Webcast Materials, FAQ document to all hospitals and LHINs
Nov.12th, 2009	*****	HAPS/H-SAA 2010/11 Process Videoconference & Webcast
Nov.13th, 2009	*****	Release of standardized templates for the Management Planning & Risk Report
Dec. 15th, 2009	*****	Management Planning & Risk Report due date
Dec.15th,2009 – Jan 31st, 2010	*****	On-going discussions between hospitals and LHINs
Jan. 15 th , 2009	*****	Release of 2010-2011 H-SAA (extension) templates.
	*****	Formal notice given by the LHINs on the desire to enter into an H-SAA agreement.
Jan 31st – March 31st, 2010	*****	Completion of all required documentation to support the H-SAA extension
March 31,2010	*****	Extended H-SAA signed

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