

Hospital Service Accountability Agreement *Update*

Introduction

This is the first communiqué regarding the discussions of the H-SAA Steering Committee on the development of the Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) for 2011-2012.

Pre-Funding Announcement Process

The Joint LHIN/OHA H-SAA Steering Committee met for the first time on December 15th to discuss the planning and negotiations process for 2011/12. Both LHIN and hospital participants agreed that the economic and fiscal environment remains challenging and unpredictable. As a result, representatives agreed that the process for 11/12 should be simple, practical and oriented toward efficiently ensuring that signed accountability agreements are in place between LHINs and hospitals by March 31, 2011.

To that end, LHINs and hospitals agreed to the following:

- The 2011/12 H-SAA will be established by a further extension of the existing 2008-10 agreement;
- The term of the agreement will be one year;
- The template and schedules may require relatively minor technical changes and additions, which will be included in the amendment;
- Given time constraints, a modified planning process will be established and communicated to the field in January. This modified process will facilitate two-way communication between LHINs and hospitals and support local discussions about individual hospital circumstances, within an overall province-wide approach. A full-HAPS process will not be used, nor will the MPRR exercise of 2009/10 be used again;
- Rather than planning based on a range of explicit base funding increase scenarios as was the case last year, hospitals may be asked to use a “gap analysis”. That is to say, estimate the financial gap (difference between incremental revenues and incremental expenses) and commensurate strategies that can be utilized to address the gap. More information about this gap analysis approach, including templates and other supporting materials, will be provided in the new year.

A preliminary discussion of the proposed H-SAA accountability indicators also took place. The Steering Committee will be examining this topic at its next meeting in early January. The recommended listing of indicators proposed by the Health System Indicator Steering Committee have not yet been approved.

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Attached to this communiqué is a list of LHIN and hospital representatives on the steering committee. Please do not hesitate to contact:

H-SAA STEERING COMMITTEE

- Bill MacLeod (Co-Chair), CEO, Mississauga Halton LHIN
- Mimi Lowi-Young (Co-Chair), CEO, Central West LHIH
- Paul Huras, CEO, South East LHIN
- Marian Walsh (Co-Chair), CEO, Bridgepoint Health
- May Chang, VP, Trillium Health Sciences
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The H-SAA Steering Committee will be reconvening on January 12, 2011.

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