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IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDER
FROM: ANNE R. HARNISH, ACTING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES DATA REPORTING
DATE: 01/30/2007

This letter is to inform you of the elimination of the annual quality of care data reporting requirements. In 2006, the Ohio General Assembly, via House Bill 197, repealed the annual quality of care reporting requirements mandated under Section 3702.16 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). These requirements applied to providers of specific health care services, including adult cardiac catheterization, adult open heart surgery, bone marrow transplantation, obstetric & newborn services, pediatric cardiac catheterization, pediatric cardiovascular services, pediatric intensive care, solid organ transplantation, operation of cobalt radiation therapy units, linear accelerators, and gamma knives. Therefore, there is no longer a requirement to log into the Health Care Services online system at <https://odhlogin.odh.ohio.gov/HCS/Default.aspx> to submit aggregate data for 2006 or any subsequent years.

Although health care service specific data is no longer required to be reported, new and expanded data reporting requirements were enacted for hospitals in general. ORC Section 3727.33 requires each hospital to submit, on a semi-annual basis, information to the Director of Health that shows the hospital's performance in meeting inpatient and outpatient service measures. The measures required to be reported are specified in rule 3701-14-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code. In addition, the mandates for the reporting of diagnosis related group information has been modified by requiring the reports to be made with respect to all patients (not only nongovernmental patients) in each of the 60 (as opposed to 100) diagnosis related groups most frequently treated on an inpatient basis and for patients in each of the 60 categories of outpatient services most frequently provided by the hospital. The requirements for this data submission are specified in rule 3701-14-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Both rules 3701-14-01 and 3701-14-02 may be found under "Final Rules" at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/odhrules.aspx>.

We have enjoyed working with you on health care services data collection and look forward to working with you in the future. Additional information regarding the data collection requirements for hospital performance service measures and expanded diagnosis related groups (DRGs) will be sent to hospitals in the near future. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kaliyah Shaheen at (614) 995-4982.