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HEALTH

Sue Kelly
Executive Deputy Commissioner

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DAL: *DHCBS 13-07*
Subject: *2010 Hospice Cost and Utilization Report*

Dear Administrator:

The Department will activate the 2010 Hospice Cost and Utilization Report on the Health Commerce System (HCS) on June 10, 2013. The reports must be submitted by August 9, 2013. The Hospice Cost and Utilization Report is used to collect information such as the census by county and days of service by payor. This data collection is authorized under NYCRR 783.7.

To access the application, log on to the HCS and click on **HCBC** under **My Applications**. Then select your agency from the **Reporting Organizations** drop down menu, click **DATA ENTRY** on the navigation bar at the top of your browser window and select **2010 Hospice Cost and Utilization Report** from the **Activity** drop down menu.

Individuals assigned to the Administrator, Director of Patient Services, HCS Coordinator, and Data Reporter roles in the HCS Communication Directory may enter data. Only the Administrator may submit data.

It is important that you submit accurate and complete information. The data collected is used to make policy decisions concerning the home health care industry; NYSDOH's Home Health Profile web pages are based on this data; agencies not submitting may be cited, enforced, and fined; and CON applications of delinquent agencies will not be processed.

The Commerce Training Institute (CTI) will be offering web-based training on the HCS survey tools on which the Hospice Cost and Utilization Report is built. To register for the webinar, enroll in course CTI-119 at <https://www.nylearnsph.com>. You may contact them by email at hcsoutreach@health.state.ny.us or by calling (518) 473-1809.

Again, the reports must be submitted by August 9, 2013. Historically, a significant number of agencies have waited until the last week prior to the report due date to enter and submit their Statistical Reports. Due to the high volume of users during this period and limited system and personnel resources, agencies that do so may encounter extended system delays and wait times for support. We strongly encourage agencies to enter and submit data as early as possible.

Send questions or requests for assistance with this report to HCStatRpts@health.state.ny.us or call Rick Kubis at (518) 408-1638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rebecca Fuller Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rebecca" being the most prominent.

Rebecca Fuller Gray

Director

Division of Home and Community Based Services