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**HEALTH**

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TO: Healthcare Providers

DATE: November 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Important FEMA Public Assistance

On October 30, 2012 FEMA declared a Major Disaster for New York State due to Hurricane Sandy. This declaration allows eligible applicant's to participate in the Public Assistance Program. The designated counties are Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester Counties. Many of New York's healthcare institutions were affected by Hurricane Sandy. The storm's impact ranged from physical structure damages, evacuations and closures to extraordinary expenses for receiving facilities when surging to accommodate patients or residents who were evacuated from other facilities.

As a non-profit health care provider, you are entitled to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance. As a for-profit provider, you may be eligible for a low- interest disaster loan through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

The New York State Department of Health is directing all healthcare providers who have sustained damages or incurred additional costs as a result of Hurricane Sandy to register for assistance with FEMA or SBA as soon as possible, as the deadline for submitting a Request for Public Assistance is currently December 2, 2012.

Non- profit health care providers should complete and submit the Request for Public Assistance (RPA) form.). The one-page form can be found at:

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=2690>

Email the completed form to John Grubsick at [jgrubsick3@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:jgrubsick3@dhses.ny.gov) and a FEMA representative will contact you directly.

For-profit entities may apply online via SBA's secure website at

<https://DisasterLoan.SBA.gov/ELA>

Additional information regarding SBA assistance may be found at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

In addition, the Department is hosting provider teleconference briefings on Wednesday, November 21 for all provider types affected by the storm to discuss this directive and answer any questions you may have concerning the process. Please note the following schedule of calls and the call in information for each:

8:30-9:15- Emergency Medical Services  
Toll-Free Dial-in #: (877) 312-2321  
Conference ID # 73808199

9:30- 10:15- Diagnostic and Treatment Centers / ESRDS  
Toll-Free Dial-in #: (877) 312-2321  
Conference ID # 73812396

1:30- 2:15 Nursing Homes  
Toll-Free Dial-in #: (877) 312-2321  
Conference ID # 73814936

2:30- 3:15. Hospitals  
Toll-Free Dial-in #: (877) 312-2321  
Conference ID # 73817579

3:30- 4:15 Home Care  
Toll-Free Dial-in #: (877) 312-2321  
Conference ID 73817771

4:30- 5:15 - Adult Care Facilities  
Toll-Free Dial-in #: (877) 312-2321  
Conference ID # 73818819