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HEAL V.3 Service Bureau Monthly Update

December 2008 - This monthly news letter will provide the most recent updates on the grant process for enrollment, services offered and compliance recommendations for NYS DOH requirements.

Enrollment:

- Shortly after the first of the year we will be sending Physician Service Agreements for formal grant enrollment.

NYS DOH New Requirements:

- EHRs purchased with HEAL V.3 funds must have a 2008 CCHIT certification and comply with NYS version 1.0 requirements.
- Contracting language between the physician (or practice) and an EHR vendor must contain specific language and be approved by NYS DOH.
- Grant funds can be used for hardware and software purchases related to EHR implementation only. That is, HEAL V.3 dollars cannot be used for practice management systems purchases. However, the monies a physician spends on a PMS may be applied as matching funds.

Services Offered Include:

- Monthly classes at the MCMS on topics relevant to the grant and EHR implementation. Please see the attached schedule.
- MCMS will provide written materials on all stages of implementation. Please see the attached listing.
- EHR vendor database - MCMS will create and maintain a database of EHRs which are eligible for purchase using HEAL V.3 funds as well as those that are in the process of qualifying or are ineligible. This database will include information on which vendors have approved NYS contracts.
- HIT resource listings on the web or local classes offered. (See attached list).
- January 6th - MSSNY will present a Health Information Technology All Day Seminar at the RIT Inn and Conference center. You may register on-line through the MSSNY web site at MSSNY.org.

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