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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 22, 2011

TO: Ms. Deborah Harvey
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FROM: Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 15 DE Reg. 737 [DPH Proposed Communicable Disease Reporting Regulation]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Health and Social Services/Division of Public Health's proposal to amend its Control of Communicable and Other Disease Conditions regulation published as 15 DE Reg. 737 in the December 1, 2011 issue of the Register of Regulations. The Division of Public Health maintains standards requiring hospitals, physicians, and correctional facilities to participate in a national system of reporting hospital acquired communicable diseases. The Division proposes a minor revision to clarify that the hospital acquired infections (HAIs) required to be reported to DHSS are the same as those required to be reported to CMS.

SCPD endorses the proposed regulation since the initiative promotes consistency in federal and state reporting.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position on the proposed regulation.

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