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FROM: Theresa Lee, Chief, Hospital Quality Initiatives

RE: Recent Update to Hospital Performance Evaluation Guide

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The Hospital Performance Evaluation Guide was updated last month with FY2012 core quality measures and patient experience data as well as FY2012 data for common medical conditions and maternity and newborn utilization data. Additionally, the January update to the Hospital Guide represents the first release of two measures that address the time patients remain in the emergency department and two measures that focus on patient immunization (pneumonia and influenza).

The staff will provide a brief review on the updated Hospital Guide at our public meeting. For your convenience, the link to the Hospital Guide is provided below:

<http://mhcc.maryland.gov/consumerinfo/hospitalguide/index.htm>