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Dear Provider:

As previously announced, the 2016 New York State HIV Quality of Care Program Review is underway with a deadline for submission of **March 31, 2017** for most elements of the Review. The most recent communication about the Review (December 12, 2016) included guidance on the organizational HIV treatment cascades. This communication provides details on the **eHIVQUAL patient data component**.

This year's eHIVQUAL quality review of ambulatory care services focuses on a narrower range of indicators. In keeping with the Governor's plan to end the epidemic by 2020, all organizations are expected to submit data on three main indicators: viral load suppression, prescription of ART, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. All patients will be included in the reviews of viral load suppression and ART prescription (with limited exceptions pertaining to incarceration or patients receiving ongoing care at another organization), whereas a sample of active patients will be sufficient for the STI measures. Please note that each individual organization, as defined as a specific "site," like last year, is expected to submit eHIVQUAL data. Also, please note that cascades may be submitted by a network of organizations, following discussion with the AIDS Institute Quality of Care program staff.

Attached you will find an **eHIVQUAL indicator guide** similar to those sent in past years. The guide contains a list of the exact indicators, with definitions, and a description of the parameters of the review. An appendix, with a series of flowcharts explaining how the indicators fit together, is also attached. Additional documentation is forthcoming and will be posted on www.ehivqual.org. We will send a follow-up email when the website is ready for entry/upload of 2016 data. *Please note that any materials pertaining to the previous (2014) review are out of date and should not be used for the upcoming review.*

Also attached to this email you will find copies of the previous communications about the Review. Further communications will include information about upcoming webinars addressing the different components of the review.

Thank you for your continued cooperation,

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