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To: Acute Rehabilitation Hospitals, Long Term Acute Care Hospital (LTAC)
and Specialty Hospital Administrators

From: Christina Tan 
Acting Commissioner

Subject : Red Alert Emergency Waiver

In the event of a declared State or federal disaster due to a natural disaster, other disaster, or epidemic that significantly affects the ability of Rehabilitation hospitals, LTACs and specialty hospitals to offer its full array of services or to evacuate its residents, or causes the facility to accommodate evacuated residents from another facility, the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) will not require prior approval of temporary waivers for the following:

1. Exceeding bed capacity
2. Bed additions requiring prior certificate of need approval
3. Physical space requirements
4. Staff qualification requirements

Affected facilities will be required to provide a written report to DHSS detailing circumstances where any of the above actions were implemented as well as any adverse outcome associated with the actions. Once the disaster is mitigated facilities will be required to return to their previously licensed capacity and to operated in accordance with all licensure regulations.

Please remember to maintain contact with your local and/or County Office of Emergency Management and your regional Medical Coordination Center during the emergency. If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact John Calabria at (609)292-8773.

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