

VAP Exception Public Comments

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11/4/2014	Steven L. Hoover; LHCSA	steve@aftercare1.com	I noticed the LHCSA – Exception Appeals (in the below link) only contain the first sheet of the VAP exception form. Our form had an additional sheet with two more PPSs. Are these also being considered or should we submit two more VAP Exception forms?	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/5/2014	Renee Shanker; Safety Net Hospitals	reneeshanker@optimum.net	I understand that NYU and North Shore LJ are being designated as "safety net" hospitals for the purpose of receiving DSRIP funds. Is this true? Only 2% of the population they serve are uninsured and 14% and 12% have Medicaid respectively. Hospitals that truly are "safety net" hospitals will lose money if NYU and North Shore are added to the list of hospitals that qualify for DSRIP monies. Please reconsider this decision. It's outrageous. Hospitals that serve the poor really need the money. NYU and North Shore do not.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/6/2014	Crain's Health Pulse		Public health advocates were surprised to see academic medical centers like NYU and North Shore University Hospital on the list. The two "should no way be approved for safety-net status," said Judy Wessler, former director of the Commission on the Public's Health System, in an email.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/7/2014	Rena Finkelstein; NAMI-FAMILYA of Rockland County, Inc.	renarobert@optonline.net	RENA FINKELSTEIN: I submitted a VAP exception form on Friday, November 4. In my haste I submitted the incorrect form, which had several omissions. I should have submitted my revised form, which is attached. As a result our organization was not included in the VAP Exception appeals list for public comment. I hope it is still possible to be considered as a vital access 1915i provider.	11/7/2014 - DSRIP TEAM: Do you mean October 24, 2014? We will file this with appeal with any appeal you submitted by the deadline, October 24th. BONNIE HALLEY; DMH Planning: Yes, I have a copy of the email that Rena Finkelstein submitted. It was on October 24 at 1:40 PM. Thank you for including this agency appeal.
11/10/2014	Marion Breland; Village of Haverstraw DAPC	voymarion@gmail.com	Please find my amended form- I inadvertently checked the wrong box in the original for Question #4 when I submitted on October 24th (see original below). I should have checked selection #1.	This issue has been taken care of on 11.21.14
11/10/2014	Betsy Rauschart; Open Arms	oabetsy@optimum.net	I have been informed by the County of Rockland that my original submission to you on October 24th contained an error. Please see below the original submission, and attached is my corrected form.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/11/2014	Kathleen Shure	kshure@GNYHA.org	Attached are letters of support for the VAP applications for five institutions. Thank you for your consideration.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/12/2104	Barry Weiss; Community Home Care Referral Service Inc.	barry@helpinghandsatt.com	In reviewing the data that we sent on the Safety Net Appeal, we realize that we made a serious error in our data. We would like to resubmit accurate numbers. Which is the correct email address to submit this information?	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/12/2014	Kara M. Kane; Bertrand Chaffee Hospital	Kkane@bch-jbr.org	I'm just following up to see if the Bertrand Chaffee Hospital VAP Exception Appeal has been accepted, and if we can expect to see if updated on the DSRIP web site.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/12/2014	Carmen Plaja Cordero; Community Healthcare Network	CPCordero@chnnyc.org	Our organization Community Healthcare Network has been approved as a safety net provider. We have 12 FQHC. We are also a Health Home. Were we required to fill out two VAP one for the FQHC and one for the Health Home? Please let us know.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.

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11/14/2014	Ann Maxwell; Medicaid and Health Care Reform Policy and Analysis	Ann.Maxwell@health.ny.gov	<p>Would you be able tell me if any of the following (3) providers need to submit a completed or updated VAP- After Hours Project, Trillium Health, and EHS? After Hours is listed in the pending Safety Net Harm Reduction Program and the pending Safety Net OMH/OASAS Providers; they are not listed in State designated Health Home and Downstream Care Management Agencies. Trillium Health is listed in the pending Safety Net Harm Reduction and State designated Health Home; they are not listed in the pending Safety Net OMH/OASAS Provider list. EHS is listed in the pending Safety Net Harm Reduction Providers; they are not listed in the pending Safety Net OMH/OASAS Provider list and the State designated Health Home and Downstream Care Management Agencies. Also, does anything need to be done to change the agency's name from A C Center to Trillium Health on those reports? If you are unable to assist with this request could you provide me with the name of the person I should direct my questions to.</p>	<p>Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.</p>

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11/18/2014	Jacqueline Kassman, RN CHPN	jkassman@avantihealth.com	Dear Madam/Sir, Avanti Health Care Services would like to know if we have been approved for the VAP Exception as per our appeal. Please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you,	11/18/2014 - Jacqueline, The VAP Exception is a much different process than the Safety Net Appeals. Unfortunately at this time we do not know when approvals will be made. Please make sure you are signed up for the MRT ListServ. Any updates on approvals of the VAP Exceptions will be through that listserv. MRT ListServ: http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/listserv.htm
11/19/2014	Goldie Watkins	healthpromoter@aol.com	Stop! Do no give safety net designation to North Shore and NYU Hospitals.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/25/2014	April Gornik	artnik@optonline.net	I would like to voice my concern that hospitals like NYU/Langone and North Shore would be able to apply for funds as "safety net" hospitals under DSRIP. This would be a terrible breach of trust and concern for hospitals that really need funding. Please don't allow this to happen.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/26/2014	Alfonso Wyatt; Founder Strategic Destiny	alfonsowyatt09@gmail.com	If we found a hospital engaged in healthy practice sanctions/law suits could be levied. I want to report a unhealthy practice as wealthy hospitals are trying to get Medicaid Transformation Program (DSRIP) funds that are not needed nor deserved. This gluttonous, unhealthy practice by hospitals already generating huge profits is indeed unconscionable as it is reprehensible. Signed... Sick And Tired Of Shameless Greed...	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/28/2014	Amanda McEvoy; Community Pharmacy Residency Program and Middleport Family Health Center	amsmolen@buffalo.edu	Please find attached a document containing VAP Exception Appeals Public Comments in support of inclusion of Middleport Family Health Center in the DSRIP program. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any question.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/28/2014	Amanda McEvoy; Community Pharmacy Residency Program and Middleport Family Health Center	amsmolen@buffalo.edu	Please find attached a document containing VAP Exception Appeals Public Comments in support of inclusion of Transit Hill Pharmacy in the DSRIP program. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/28/2014	Amanda McEvoy; Community Pharmacy Residency Program and Middleport Family Health Center	amsmolen@buffalo.edu	Please find attached a document containing VAP Exception Appeals Public Comments in support of inclusion if Rosenkran's Pharmacy in the DSRIP program. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/28/2014	Amanda McEvoy; Community Pharmacy Residency Program and Middleport Family Health Center	amsmolen@buffalo.edu	Please find attached a document containing VAP Exception Appeals Public Comments in support of inclusion of Oakfield Family Pharmacy in the DSRIP program. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/28/2014	Amanda McEvoy; Community Pharmacy Residency Program and Middleport Family Health Center	amsmolen@buffalo.edu	Please find attached a document containing VAP Exception Appeals Public Comments in support of inclusion of Summit Park Pharmacy in the DSRIP program. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
11/28/2014	Amanda McEvoy; Community Pharmacy Residency Program and Middleport Family Health Center	amsmolen@buffalo.edu	Please find attached a document containing VAP Exception Appeals Public Comments in support of inclusion of Wurlitzer Family Pharmacy in the DSRIP program. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.

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12/2/2014	Judy Wessler	ladyhealth1@gmail.com	<p>I am writing to urge that the State Health Department deny VAP Exemption to NYU Langone and North Shore/LIJ. There stats and history make clear that these are not safety net providers and should not be allowed to share in DSRIP funding. Approving these exemptions will make a greater mockery of the concept and reality of the definition of the safety net. Stop this outrage and deny safety net definition for these two hospitals -- North Shore and NYU Langone. It is time to say Nada Mas! No more! Let us not allow NYU and North Shore, also rolling in money, to take money out of the safety net. If they want to participate, they can share in the allowable 5% of the PPS funding. Using NYU Langone as an example of an institution that has dollars and is capable fo getting much more. NYU recently received \$1 billion + from FEMA for post-Sandy "repairs." Also for the last several years, NYU has bee receiving almost \$10 million from the state's charity care pool without meeting the minimum requirements for providing care for the uninsured and large numbers of Medicaid patients. Reprinted below is information from Capital Health blog on 11.13.14..N.Y.U. Langone Medical Center reported that its revenue exceeded expenses by \$215 million for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31. That's a marked improvement over 2013 when Hurricane Sandy forced the closure of N.Y.U.'s emergency room and significantly depressed revenues. Patient revenue increased to just over \$2 billion from \$1.67 billion the year before, and disaster-related expenses also dropped from \$115 million to \$22.1 million. http://bit.ly/1EvIvsO<http://link.capitalnewyork.com/542304f70f299646728b4f441zggnn.ue/VGSB1kmO3BUKdgreB7a80> NYU Hospitals Center Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements August 31, 2014 and 2013</p> <p>In this report, NYU Langone reports Uncompensated Care. Although claiming charity care, in reality, NYU includes bad debt in this calculation, a formulation no longer allowed. So that these figures are inflated at best. Charity care totaled \$24.3 million and \$15.8 million for fiscal years 2014 and 2013. This equated to an approximate cost of \$7.6 million and \$6.1 million for the years ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, which is based on a ratio of cost to charges during the year.</p> <p>NYU Hospitals Center Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements August 31, 2014 and 2013 12 Most hospitals receive a percentage of their claimed charity care. NYU again counts bad debt in their calculation of how much care they provided. The state has finally changed their way of counting for charity care allocations so that NYU's claims are undoubtedly way less than what they claim.</p> <p>New York State regulations provide for the distribution of funds from an indigent care pool, which is intended to partially offset the cost of bad debts and services provided to the uninsured. The funds are distributed to the Hospitals Center based on each hospital's level of bad debt and charity care in relation to all other hospitals. Subsidy payments recognized as revenue amounted to approximately \$8.5 million and \$9.6 million for 2014 and 2013, respectively, and are included in net patient service revenue in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.</p> <p>For the reasons detailed above, I am urging that the State deny the request from NYU Langone and North Shore/LIJ to receive a VAP exemption to be considered safety net providers.</p> <p>Judy Wessler</p>	<p>Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.</p>

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12/2/2014	Patricia Nelson	PatriciaNelson@Healthpeople.org	Dear Jason Helgerson, I am writing to urge the state to reconsider their decision on allowing NYU Langone, and North Shore, hospitals to be declared as safety net hospitals, which will allow them to be entitled to receive DSRIP funding.. I would like to encourage the State to deviate all DSRIP funding to the true safety-net hospitals who provide services to the unserved and underserved low-income, Immigrant, Communities of color, who are not insured. By allowing NYU, and North Shore access to this funding will be doing the true safety-net hospitals a great dis-justice and possibly putting them in jeopardy of losing additional funding that is desperately needed to keep them a float. So I urge the State, and CMS to reconsider this decision.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
12/2/2014	Tony Mahler	mahlera@wcmc.com	Please see the attached letter from Westchester Medical Center in support of this application.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
12/2/2014	Samantha Bobeck	bobeck@nysenate.gov	Good afternoon, Attached please find an electronic copy of a letter of support from Senator Tim Kennedy for Aftercare Nursing Services, Inc.'s application to the DSRIP program as a Vital Access Provider. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Respectfully, Samantha Bobeck Legislative Analyst/Community Liaison Office of NYS Senator Timothy M. Kennedy, 63rd District District Office: 2239 South Park Ave Buffalo, NY 14220 P: (716) 826-2683 F: (716) 826-2793 bobeck@nysenate.gov	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
12/3/2014	Leon Bell	Leon Bell <leon.bell@nysna.org>	NYU Memo against VAP Exception/Safety Net Designation	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
12/3/2014	Chris Norwood	ChrisNorwood@HealthPeople.org	Hello---I would like to state complete objection to the idea that NYU Langone and North Shore would seek a "waiver" to have themselves declared 'safety net" hospitals under DSRIP. As you may know, NYU alone recently reported an annual profit of more than \$200 million! It is almost embarrassing that these hospitals would apply for safety net status---thereby literally robbing money from poorer hospitals who not only serve Medicaid patients, but serve masses of uninsured patients. To grant them undeserved millions more would be more than embarrassing; it would place NY State in an equivocal position right the beginning of reform. It would seriously disrupt the sense of momentum, cooperation and---we may even say---the widespread sense of mutual mission which has built up around DSRIP. Thank you for your kind attention.	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.
12/3/2014	Anne & Sidney Emerman	emermans@earthlink.net	NYUMC Langone a safety net provider? We beg to differ. Anne & Sidney Emerman	Thank you for your public comment(s) regarding the VAP exception appeal process. We will share your comments with the DSRIP team and will post all comments to the DSRIP web page at a later date.

Attachments - See Vap Exception folder in P:drive.

N/A - Has attached file but is a VAP exception form and not a public comment.