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Haitian Relief Needs Intensify

Long Island hospitals part of nationally coordinated assistance effort

With the occurrence of a second earthquake in Haiti, relief for this devastated country is even more urgent. Long Island hospitals are continuing to direct medical supplies and equipment, cash donations, and offers for medical personnel to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Relief organizations continue to emphasize that cash donations are needed most right now. The lack of an emergency response infrastructure in Haiti is making it difficult to accurately assess the damage and need. However, in light of the second tragic event, there are scores more injured and displaced.

Inquiries related to donations should be e-mailed to cip@hhs.gov. To donate time, money, supplies or equipment via USAID go to: http://www.usaid.gov/locationas/latin_america_Caribbean/country/haiti/eq/

Another State Budget, Another Round of Cuts

LI hospital leaders assessing the local impact on patients and providers

The 2010-2011 budget proposed by Governor Paterson once again targets hospitals. A preliminary analysis by the Healthcare Association of New York States indicates that hospitals throughout the state would lose about \$380 million in Medicaid money, including the loss of federal matching dollars.

The Medicaid savings is derived mainly from the imposition of an increase in the inpatient gross receipts tax and elimination of the trend factor, an index tied to inflation. In addition, the Governor's budget

proposes payment reforms and re-distributions related to Indirect Medical Education, preventable conditions and readmissions, and indigent care.

The changes sought in this budget are the seventh set of reductions and reforms that the hospital industry has endured since the 2007 budget season. Hospital administrators will know more about the impact of the proposals within the next few days; however, most fear that the damage will be widespread.

National Health Reform's Final Push

With the loss of the Massachusetts Senate seat to a Republican, the Democrats' super majority in that chamber has vanished and placed passage of a national health care reform bill in peril. The upcoming week will be crucial to the reform effort, as Washington lawmakers continue to work out a bill that is amenable to all parties. With President Obama's State of the Union address sched-

uled for next Tuesday, pressure to get something done is mounting.

"Reform has always been about increasing access and controlling costs," said Kevin Dahill, president/CEO of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, the association that represents all Long Island hospitals. "Regardless of the bill's outcome, we still must address these two issues moving forward."