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Health

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DHDTC DAL#: 23-17 Supporting Access to Long Term Care Services for Veterans

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

10 NYCRR Section 405.9(11) requires hospitals to maintain a complete and permanent record of all patients admitted including identifying the patient's veteran status (insofar as these are obtainable). A veteran is defined as a person who served in the United States armed forces, who received a discharge other than a dishonorable discharge and who is eligible for benefits provided by the Veterans Health Administration (VA). If a patient is identified as a veteran, the hospital must notify the veteran of the possible availability of services at a hospital operated by the VA.

General hospitals must also provide patients who have served in the United States armed forces with a copy the "Information for Veterans concerning Health Care Options" fact sheet prior to discharging or transferring the patient. See <u>DHDTC DAL 17-05 - Updates to Public</u> <u>Health Law Section 2805-b;</u> Information for Veterans concerning Health Care Options.

In addition to hospitals operated by the VA, there are five (5) New York State (NYS)-operated Veterans Nursing Homes. Many veterans and family members of elderly veterans in NYS may not be aware of the existence of NYS-operated Veterans Nursing Homes upon discharge from a hospital nor of the personal financial benefit of placement in Veterans Homes for qualifying individuals. This may result in diminished access to care and financial hardship for a veteran and/or his/her family who may otherwise prefer that the patient obtain placement in a Veteran's long term care facility.

To continue to strengthen access to care for New York's elderly population, specifically for veterans and their family members, to alleviate financial hardships in paying for necessary healthcare and to help ensure that veterans are aware of the services available to them, hospitals must notify patients who are veterans and their families of the opportunity for possible placement in a Veterans Nursing Home prior to discharge.

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Thank you for your partnership. Please forward any questions regarding this guidance to <u>hospinfo@health.ny.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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