May 5, 2009

TO: Jennifer Filipone  
Department of Public Health

From: Margaret Flinter and Tom Swan  
Co-Chairs, Primary Care Access Authority

Re: Electronic re-licensure project

Dear Jennifer,

Thank you for agreeing to meet with us to discuss the recommendations of the Statewide Primary Care Access Authority concerning the draft on-line renewal survey questions for physicians. This is an exciting project which you are all doing a great job of keeping on track in the midst of challenging times, to say the least. We know you are committed to launching this for physicians initially, and then moving to include nurses and advanced practice nurses, as well as dentists.

Electronic on-line renewal will be a critical tool in workforce planning for the state of Connecticut, and this is particularly true in primary care. Thus, we are very interested in making sure that we collect information that contributes to our understanding of both current and future healthcare workforce trends.

As you know, our Authority reviewed work done in this area by other states and was particularly impressed with elements of the New York State survey. Some of our suggestions come directly from their tool.

Our specific feedback on the DRAFT survey you provided us are:

Question 1: No change.

Question 2: The Authority felt that Question 2 and Question 5 could be replaced with a question from the NY survey that efficiently combined both as follows:
Current activities in medicine

Please indicate hours per week in medicine for which the major activity is:

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Question 3

The Authority recommends that we add the category of Veterans Administration

Also, we would like to break out Hospital into Hospital-in-patient, Hospital out-patient, and Hospital-ER

Question 4:

The Authority recommends replacing this with:

Location of sites where you spend the most time providing direct patient care. Print the address of your practice location(s) including your 5-digit zip code. Indicate the average hours per week you spend at each practice location.

Principal location:

Number and Street

City/Town State Zip

Patient care hours at this site

Secondary location

(repeat the above)

Question 5 (now deleted)

Question 6 (none on the draft survey?)
Question 7: good

Question 8:
The Authority suggests adding "commercial" as a category

Question 9: ok

Question 10: ok
Question 11: ok
Question 12: ok:
Suggest adding date of birth and # of years in practice.
Suggest adding question on use of electronic health records:
  - Fully electronic health record
  - Electronic prescribing
  - Other

#17 from the New York Survey
Training and Certification

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#15 from the New York Survey: Practice Specialty (ies) in which you spend most of your professional time
Mark one principal and, if applicable, one secondary.
Principal  Secondary
Allergy and Immunology
Anesthesiology
Dermatology
Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine
General Practice
Internal Medicine [General
  Cardiovascular
  Critical Care
  Endocrinology and metabolism
  Gastroenterology
  Geriatrics
  Infectious Disease
  Medical Oncology
  Nephrology
  Pulmonary Disease
  Rheumatology
  Other Internal Medicine Sub-specialty
Neurology
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Gynecology (only)
Occupational medicine
Ophthalmology
Otolaryngology
Pathology (general)
Pathology (sub specialty)
Pediatrics (general)
  Pediatric Sub-specialty
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Preventive Medicine
Psychiatry-Adult
Psychiatry-Child and Adolescent
Radiology-Diagnostic
Radiology-Therapeutic
Surgery (General)
  Surgery-neurological
  Surgery, orthopedic
  Surgery, plastic
  Surgery, thoracic
  Other surgical sub-specialty
Urology
Other