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# DSRIP UPDATES

DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM INCENTIVE  
PAYMENT PROGRAM

There have been updates to the DSRIP Vital Access Provider (VAP) Exception.

**The deadline for the VAP Exception has been extended to 5:00 pm, October 17, 2014, instead of October 14, 2014 as originally posted.**

Also, if you are included on any of the following lists, the Department is now asking you to file a VAP Exception form. These lists are pending approval, and the completion of this form is a cautionary measure. The VAP Exception instructions state that if your list is pending approval, you will be granted a VAP Exception pending approval and you do not need to submit this form. **THIS IS NO LONGER CORRECT.** The CMS approval process for the special safety net lists (see list of impacted provider types below) has been delayed and to ensure that as many providers as possible are included in the safety net process, this form must be submitted in the case these lists are not approved or if the process is further delayed.

**Providers with Pending Safety Net Status (see specific lists on DSRIP website at [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrp\\_safety\\_net\\_definition.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrp_safety_net_definition.htm)) :**

1. **Pending Safety Net OMH/OASAS 1915i Providers**
2. **Pending Safety Net Harm Reduction 1915i Providers**
3. **State Designated Health Homes and Downstream Care Management Agencies**

**The website has not yet been updated yet with this information.**

The Vital Access Provider (VAP) Exception is an appeal process that is now open for all Medicaid providers, physicians and pharmacies for facilities that did not qualify by the Safety Net Definition by calculation or by appeal. If the exception is granted, then the applicant will be qualified and can fully participate in the DSRIP program. Non-qualifying facilities are limited; they may only receive up to 5% (as a group) of their PPS's award.

The VAP Exception is defined in STC 2 of the DSRIP Section of the Partnership Plan Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) as a part of the Safety Net Definition. There are three categories that a facility may appeal for a VAP exception under:

1. A community will not be served without granting the exception because no other eligible provider is willing or capable of serving the community.
2. Any hospital is uniquely qualified to serve based on services provided, financial viability, relationships within the community, and/or clear track record of success in reducing avoidable hospital use.
3. Any state-designated health home or group of health homes.

**The Vital Access Provider (VAP) Exception form is posted on the DSRIP website and is due by 5:00 pm, October 17, 2014.**

([http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrp\\_safety\\_net\\_definition.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrp_safety_net_definition.htm)):

If questions arise related to the Vital Access Provider Exception or DSRIP safety net process, please send an email to [BVAPR@health.state.ny.us](mailto:BVAPR@health.state.ny.us) . All other questions can be directed to [DSRIP@health.ny.gov](mailto:DSRIP@health.ny.gov).