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Attn: HIV Medical Program

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**Re: Organizational HIV Treatment Cascades**

Dear Provider:

We are pleased to announce the release of a guidance document for submission of *Organizational HIV Treatment Cascades* as part of the 2018 NYS HIV Quality of Care Program Review. 2017 submissions demonstrated a high degree of creativity and engagement. It is our hope that this year's submissions will provide organizations with continued insights on how to advance New York State's goal to end the epidemic by the end of 2020. **The 2018 Organizational HIV Treatment Cascades are due on or before May 31, 2018.**

In response to stakeholder input from the HRSA Ryan White Program and the NYS HIV Quality of Care Clinical and Consumer Advisory Committees many changes have been made to the guidance document. These changes collectively reflect statewide efforts to ensure that *all* New Yorkers living with HIV receive the highest quality of HIV medical care and that quality improvement interventions are tailored to advance care outcomes. In 2018, organizations are expected to report on the results, successes, and challenges of their improvement priorities from 2017.

Please find the attached guidance document which outlines the requirements for the 2018 Organizational HIV Treatment Cascades submission. In the next few weeks you will also receive a Submission Checklist and a Frequently Asked Questions document. Please review these documents and send any immediate questions or concerns to the NYS Quality of Care Program at [gocreviews@health.ny.gov](mailto:gocreviews@health.ny.gov) or through your assigned QI coach.

We look forward to continued partnership and collective efforts to end the epidemic through quality initiatives. Throughout 2018 we will maintain communication and advance information related to this effort and additional quality initiatives.

Thank you for your continued commitment.

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