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RE: Memo of Understanding - ACS NSQIP Maine Statewide Rural Initiative

We are excited about launching our rural enrollment drive with hospitals in the state of Maine.

As we discussed on our conference call of December 18, 2008:

- ACS NSQIP will reduce the annual enrollment fee from \$35,000 to \$10,000 for Maine hospitals meeting the criteria of 100 beds or less or identified by American Hospital Association's RUCA Program in the categories of Isolated Rural, Rural, Small Town, or Large Town.
- This reduced enrollment fee is extended to the attached list of new hospitals with a 2008 minimum enrollment goal of 20.
- Currently enrolled Maine hospitals are not part of the reduced fee offer:
 - Enrolled 9/1/08 Central Maine Medical Center
 - Enrolled 6/5/07 Maine Medical Center
 - Enrolled 5/28/05 Eastern Maine Medical Center
- Enrolling hospitals will agree to 100 percent data collection of all eligible multispecialty cases for an annual submission amount that will meet statistical significance for assessing risk-adjusted Observed to Expected.
- It is understood that enrolling hospitals may need to share a Surgical Clinical Reviewer (SCR) based on labor and geographic necessity. This person will still meet the majority of recommended qualifications outlined in the new job description for an ACS NSQIP clinical data collector and will participate in ACS NSQIP training to ensure the highest quality data abstraction.
- Enrolling hospitals will receive and abide by the same contract as all other nationwide participating ACS NSQIP hospitals and have no modified status other than enrollment fee.

	RUCA Group	Indicating Interest in ACS NSQIP	State	GenMedSurgAdltBeds
1	Isolated rural	Bridgton Hospital	Maine	17
2	Isolated rural	Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital	Maine	12
3	Isolated rural	Down East Community Hospital	Maine	19
4	Isolated rural	Miles Memorial Hospital	Maine	22
5	Isolated rural	Northern Maine Medical Center	Maine	20
6	Isolated rural	Penobscot Bay Medical Center	Maine	40
7	Small town group	Penobscot Valley Hospital	Maine	7
8	Small town group	Franklin Memorial Hospital	Maine	32
9	Small town group	Mayo Regional Hospital	Maine	11
10	Small town group	Mount Desert Island Hospital	Maine	9
11	Small town group	Redington-Fairview General Hospital	Maine	49
12	Small town group	Sebasticook Valley Hospital	Maine	23
13	Small town group	Stephens Memorial Hospital	Maine	42
14	Small town group	Waldo County General Hospital	Maine	17
15	Large town group	Henrietta D. Goodall Hospital	Maine	32
16	Large town group	Inland Hospital	Maine	32
17	Large town group	Mid Coast Hospital	Maine	36
18	Large town group	Southern Maine Medical Center	Maine	78
19	Urban group	St. Mary's Regional Medical Center	Maine	68
20	Urban group	York Hospital	Maine	58
	RUCA Group	Eligible - Interest Level Unknown	State	GenMedSurgAdltBeds
1	Isolated rural	Blue Hill Memorial Hospital	Maine	17
2	Isolated rural	St. Andrews Hospital and Healthcare Center	Maine	21
3	Small town group	Aroostook Medical Center	Maine	22
4	Small town group	Calais Regional Hospital	Maine	7
5	Small town group	Cary Medical Center	Maine	20
6	Small town group	Houlton Regional Hospital	Maine	13
7	Small town group	Maine Coast Memorial Hospital	Maine	31
9	Small town group	Millinocket Regional Hospital	Maine	14
10	Small town group	Rumford Hospital	Maine	11
11	Large town group	Parkview Adventist Medical Center	Maine	29
12	Large town group	Maine General Medical Center-Waterville Campus	Maine	70
13	Urban group	St. Joseph Hospital	Maine	77
	RUCA Group	Current ACS NSQIP Participants	State	GenMedSurgAdltBeds
1	Urban group	Maine Medical Center	Maine	370
2	Urban group	Eastern Maine Medical Center	Maine	193
3	Urban group	Central Maine Medical Center	Maine	103