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RE: Amendment to PHL-2803-v Lymphedema

Dear Hospital CEOs and Diagnostic & Treatment Center Administrators:

On Thursday, February 13, 2020, a letter was distributed to announce the availability of a brochure to distribute information to patients who are at high risk for developing lymphedema, as required by an amendment to Public Health Law (PHL) Section 2803-v. This letter is to clarify that the amendment applies only to general hospitals, and does not apply to diagnostic and treatment centers, which are not included in the definition of general hospitals at PHL Section 2801(10).

The brochure "Have You Had Cancer Treatment?" (DOH Publication No. 0399) has been updated to reflect the amendment and will be translated into the most frequently spoken languages in New York State. The new title of the brochure is "Understanding Lymphedema." The publication is available at the following link: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/0399/>.

While general hospitals as defined in PHL Section 2801(10) are required to distribute the brochure to patients who are at risk for lymphedema, we recommend that diagnostic and treatment centers also make the brochure available to patients at risk.

Should you have additional questions about the above publication, please contact the Division of Hospitals and Diagnostic & Treatment Centers at (518) 402-1004 or by email hospinfo@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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