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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Richard F. Daines, M.D.  
*Commissioner*

May 28, 2009

Ms. Peggy Alteri, President  
New York State Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers  
550 Harrison Street, Suite 230  
Syracuse, New York 13202

Re: Institutional Cost Reporting

Dear Ms. Alteri:

As per our discussion on the phone on May 22, 2008, this letter is to advise you of the following:

Free Standing Ambulatory Surgery Centers will not have to file cost reports for any year prior to the 2008 fiscal year.

The 2008 Cost Report will be required to be filed in 2009, using the format that NYSSASC and the Department of Health have developed in collaboration. **This 2008 year Cost Report will not need to be certified by a CPA.**

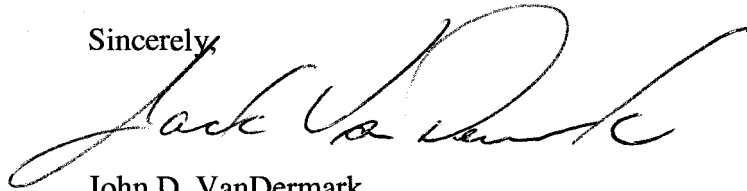
The Department of Health will be revising the current AHCF-1 Cost Report form for all providers. Implementation of this new form is expected for cost reporting due for the 2009 fiscal year.

Future Cost Reports starting with the 2009 fiscal year must be reported using the GAP (accrual) accounting method. These reports and future cost reports will be required to be certified by a CPA.

The Department of Health and NYSAASC will arrange for one training session to be scheduled at the Fall NYSAASC meeting (date and location TBA) and at one additional location (date and location TBA).

Please feel free to contact me at (518) 473-8146 with any questions or comments. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. VanDermark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "V".

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