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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Hospitals

FROM: Bradford L. Williams
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RE: 2016 Annual Reporting
Definition of Outpatient Surgery

Several facilities have contacted the Agency requesting a definition of Outpatient Surgery, i.e., are GI, Pain Management, etc. procedures included as outpatient surgery.

The Agency contacted the Alabama Hospital Association for assistance with this definition. For the purposes of 2016 Annual Reporting, the definition of outpatient surgery is: Any surgery or procedure that requires a history and physical be performed prior to the surgery/procedure. This definition was obtained from The Joint Commission, hospital manual MS.03.01.01.

The definition of outpatient surgery will be discussed further at the next scheduled meeting of The Health Care Information and Data Advisory Council (HCIDAC). Specific guidelines defining outpatient surgery will be included in the instructions of the 2017 Annual Report packet.

Your cooperation in improving healthcare data collected and analyzed by SHPDA is greatly appreciated. Should you have further questions, I may be contacted at bradford.williams@shpda.alabama.gov.