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To: Certified registrants authorized to perform external beam therapy Radioactive materials licensees authorized to perform brachytherapy

Re: Quality Assurance Requirements – Accreditation in Radiation Oncology

Effective 04/21/14, the Board of Health adopted an amendment to Article 175, Quality Assurance program for *External beam and brachytherapy*. In particular, terms regarding Accreditation in Radiation Oncology state:

(i) Ninety (90) days from the effective date of this rule, [July 21, 2014] each registrant or licensee must have an active application with, or be accredited in radiation oncology by, the American College of Radiology, the American College of Radiation Oncology, or another accrediting organization that is equivalent as determined by the Department.

(ii) Eighteen (18) months from the effective date of this rule, [October 21, 2015] each registrant and licensee must maintain accreditation in radiation oncology by the ACR, the ACRO or another accrediting organization that is equivalent as determined by the Department.

Inspectors from this Department will begin enforcing these terms of the Health Code

The full text of the amendment is on the site: <u>http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/adopted-rules</u> Look for Radiation Control (Article 175) – Quality Assurance, DOHMH Monday, April 21, 2014

Very truly yours,

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