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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Quality, Access and Value Work Group

FROM: Dana Copeland, MD
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RE: April 3 Work Group Meeting

DATE: April 2, 2008

I want to thank all members who sent in suggestions for wording of the restated principles for their good work. The final wording of the principles will be very important. In the case of the principle on Quality, there has, in the past, only been a philosophical role for the principle, with little concrete impact on specific actions taken by the SHCC or DHSR. Part of the impetus for our work group is the recognition that emerging quality measures and paradigms will provide for more specific impact. For that reason I would like to devote the first portion of our meeting tomorrow to trying to agree on the specific elements to be incorporated in the new principle. Those elements will guide future specific actions by the SHCC and DHSR. If we can agree on those elements as a skeleton, we can then shape the specific wording by trading e-mails over the next several weeks. The elements I've listed in the attached document reflect suggestions made to me by work group members, other members of the SHCC, and others with experience in the disciplines of quality management and health planning. The list is not meant to be exclusive.

For the second part of the meeting I hope we will be able to construct element lists for Access and Value principles, and then be prepared to discuss and select those elements at our third meeting.

It appears that a fourth meeting will be necessary to agree on final wording for the Access and Value principles, for a final wording for a preface that will balance and integrate the principles, and for any ancillary recommendations for regulations or staff necessary to implement the restated principles. Please bring your calendars so we can identify a fourth meeting date that will accommodate as many work group members as possible.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow and thank you for your hard work and efforts in this endeavor.

