



**New York City Department of
Health and Mental Hygiene**

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Commissioner

Dear Colleague:

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is making the 2010 *Compendium of Public Health Reporting Requirements* available to health care providers who are contracted with the managed care organizations and Special Needs Plans that serve Medicaid recipients in New York City. As of Spring 2010, 36,000 providers are affiliated with these plans and over 1.8 million New York City residents are enrolled in them.

You have a key role in providing high quality health care to this vulnerable population. The health care needs of enrollees served by Medicaid plans will grow increasingly complex as in 2010, HIV-infected Medicaid enrollees, previously exempt from managed care, will be required to join a plan.

The *Compendium* consolidates instructions for notifying the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene about diseases and conditions that health care providers are legally required to report. We hope that this reference document strengthens collaboration between medical and public health communities. This collaboration is essential to identifying, assessing and addressing a wide range of public health concerns as well as reinforcing the city's emergency preparedness. We also rely on such collaboration to achieve the goals set forth in "A Policy for a Healthier New York City: Take Care New York 2012."

The *Compendium* is available on the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene website at <http://www.nyc.gov/health/compendium>.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Farley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

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