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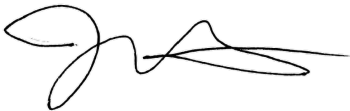
Dear Ms. Cintrón Hernández:

In accordance with the Board of Correction's Mental Health Minimum Standards for New York City Correctional Facilities, the Correctional Health Services (CHS) division of NYC Health + Hospitals requests a six-month renewal of a variance from Section 2-05 (b)(2)(i-ii) concerning psychotropic medication. The requested variance, first granted by the Board on November 10, 2005, authorizes psychiatrists to see and evaluate stable adult patients on psychotropic medication in general population every 28 days, rather than every 14 days.

As the Board has acknowledged, this medication variance helps to improve patient care and make the BOC psychotropic medication prescription standard more consistent with the current community standards and practices. In the more than 20 years since the variance has been in effect, there have been no known cases of patients requiring hospitalization due to the 28-day regimen.

The consideration of the Board members and staff of the requested variance regarding psychotropic medications for a period of six months is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



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cc: Patsy Yang, DrPH