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Jeff Shanton
President
New Jersey Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers
414 River View Plaza
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Dear Mr. Shanton:

Your recent letter to Commissioner Persichilli concerning the case reporting from the portal has been forwarded to me for response. The New Jersey Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (NJAASC) has identified that the total number of cases and benchmarking of cases as important data metrics. The Department of Health (Department) understands the value of review of total cases and benchmarking.

The Department acknowledges that the NJAASC has been instrumental in assisting the Department with the development of the re-opening guidelines and data collection. Data collection implementation during a pandemic is a challenge for all involved. The Department could not have implemented the data collection process and re-opening guidelines without the cooperation of the NJAASC and its membership.

The Department continually re-evaluates the need for data collection to ensure that the data collected represents the best information required to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you again for your continued efforts and assistance.

Sincerely,

Marcela Ospina Maziarz, MPA
Deputy Commissioner
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