

Resolution

At the May 7, 2003, meeting of the Patient Safety Authority Board of Directors, the Board voted in support of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, at its April 14, 2003, meeting the Patient Safety Authority Board of Directors voted to approve a motion to recommend that the Department of Health assess facilities subject to Act 13 reporting requirements the maximum amount allowable under Section 305 (c); and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to predict accurate future budget needs until bids are received from vendors in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP), which would be after June 11, 2003, or until an actual contract is entered into, which would be a later date; and

WHEREAS, Section 305 (c) states that the assessment shall be a fee “necessary to provide sufficient revenues to operate the authority;” and

WHEREAS, the Patient Safety Trust Fund contains a significant balance from the FY2002-03 assessment that will be carried forward into the following fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, those facilities subject to Act 13 reporting and assessment requirements are under financial stress; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of the Patient Safety Authority to apply burdensome requirements on those facilities;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Authority will recommend to the Department of Health that, although it will assess facilities for FY 2003-04 to the maximum amount allowable under the law, the Authority recommends that facilities remit the assessment to the Department of Health in two equal payments: one due by October 1, 2003 and the other due by April 1, 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, should the Authority find by December 1, 2003, that it does not need the funds that would be received through the second payment, the Authority will recommend to the Department of Health that the Department cancel collection of that payment and so inform the affected facilities.