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TO: MEMBERS OF THE LONG ISLAND JEWISH ORGANIZED MEDICAL STAFF

As one constantly reads and researches the numerous reports of cases and Departmental rulings pertaining to medicine one must remain alert to the activities of the New York Attorney General and her actions concerning the many commercial players interacting with health care.

Example- Verizon Wireless has many cooling towers located in New York State and there was a determination reached by the Attorney General (AG) that the towers could cause the spread of Legionnaires' disease based upon the water droplets emanating from the towers which might contain the Legionella bacteria.

In a settlement Verizon agreed to the adoption of policies and procedures to be compliant with the law and also agreed to pay a fine of \$118,000. Example- A settlement of 1.5 billion dollars was reached by the office of the AG from various opioid manufacturers and distributors and the first wave of payments has been made throughout the state.

Through the end of last year Long Island received the sum of 46.9 million dollars- New York City received 88.9 million dollars. Both localities received far more than other designated regions affected by the crisis.

It was anticipated that after further payments were made by Endo, Janssen and Allergan, the Long Island share would reach a total of 228 million dollars.

The two examples we have described constitute a bare minimum of all the activities reported by the Office of the Attorney General but they do constitute a useful example of the actions of that Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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