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**RE: Incorporation of tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases services from Department of Health and Mental Hygiene into Health and Hospitals Corporation's Stapleton Family Health Center**

Dear Colleague,

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has entered into an agreement with the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) to consolidate services for tuberculosis (TB) and sexually transmitted diseases (STD) on Staten Island.

On June 3, 2013, TB and STD services previously provided at Richmond Health Center (located at 51 Stuyvesant Place) will be incorporated into services offered by HHC's Stapleton Family Health Center. STD and TB services will now be available to Staten Islanders five days per week.

In addition to expanding hours of STD and TB care on Staten Island, the Health Department will work to ensure that persons currently receiving services at Richmond Health Center do not experience any interruption in service. Persons seeking services from the Health Department can call 3-1-1 or visit [www.nyc.gov/health](http://www.nyc.gov/health) for further information. Providers can call the Bureau of Tuberculosis Control at 347-396-7400 or the Bureau of STD Control and Prevention at 347-396-7328 for questions or to refer patients for follow-up services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay K. Varma', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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