



February 9, 2012

Mr. Murray Martin
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hamilton Health Sciences
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Dear Mr. Martin:

As per the e-mail from Accreditation Canada on October 31, 2011, the new accreditation decision levels came into effect on January 1, 2012. Client organizations now receive one of four decisions following their on-site survey:

- Accredited with Exemplary Standing
- Accredited with Commendation
- Accredited
- Not Accredited

These decisions are calculated based on the organization's compliance with the standards, high-priority criteria, Required Organizational Practices tests for compliance, and survey instrument sample size thresholds.

Since the new accreditation decision levels are retroactive to surveys that took place in 2011, your organization's decision has been recalculated.

I am pleased to advise you that the new decision for Hamilton Health Sciences is Accredited with Exemplary Standing.

You will be receiving a replacement certificate(s) reflecting your organization's new decision. Please be advised that new banners will be available shortly.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Larocque
Chair, Accreditation Decision Committee

c.c.: Mr. Steve Metham, Manager, Quality