

**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION
FOR RURAL HEALTH, INC.**

**REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS
AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

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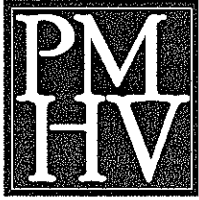
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Board of Directors
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We have audited the financial statements of New York State Association for Rural Health, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2019, and we will issue our report thereon dated June 11, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated March 13, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by New York State Association for Rural Health, Inc. are described in Note A to the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of the collectability of accounts receivable. This is based on collection experience with the various payors.
- Allocation of expenses to functional areas. Shared costs are allocated between program and general and management categories based on estimates of time or resources spent on each category.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

- The disclosure of Liquidity and Availability in Note C.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 11, 2020.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Finding or Issues

In conferences with management prior to our retention as auditors for 2019, we discussed a variety of matters, including accounting principles and auditing standards as this was the first year NYSARH was to be audited. However, these discussions were appropriate under the circumstances and our responses were not a condition of our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of New York State Association for Rural Health, Inc. and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Certified Public Accountants, P.C.

June 11, 2020

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In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of New York State Association for Rural Health, Inc. (NYSARH) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered NYSARH's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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Certified Public Accountants, P.C.

June 11, 2020