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No: *2403 mwo*

Subject: *certification letter*

To: Whom it may concern

Dear EHR System Vendors,

The transformative role and critical importance of Electronic Health Records (EHR) in contemporary healthcare is undeniable. As we propel towards an increasingly digitized healthcare infrastructure, it becomes paramount that EHR systems not only embody the highest echelons of quality but also meet stringent standards pertaining to security, interoperability, and data consistency.

In cognizance of these imperatives, we will start the EHR pre-certification process. This process is meticulously designed and is rooted in the guidelines provided in both the "EHR Due Diligence & Data Requirements" and the "Core Dataset Health Information Exchange Platform" documents.

Key Highlights:

1. **Commencement:** The pre-certification process will commence in November.
2. **Mandatory Certification:** It is imperative to note that to operate within the Suriname Healthcare domain, an EHR system must be certified. This is in line with our commitment to ensuring that General Practitioners employ only the most competent and certified systems.
3. **Certification Process:**
 1. Registration of Vendor
 2. Demonstration Scheduling
 3. Evaluation by Technical Task Force
 4. Report Compilation by Technical Task Force
 5. Review by Certification Commission
 6. Commission Decision:
 - Positive: System and Vendor are certified
 - Negative: System and Vendor are not-certified
 - Advice for Alteration: High enough score to advise for small alterations

4. **Registration:** We invite all interested vendors to register for this certification process via our website at: <https://is4h-suriname.sr/>

Further detailed communication will be shared with registered vendors about the requisite documents and preparatory elements. We assure all participating vendors of a transparent and well-informed evaluation journey.

To ensure the sanctity, fairness, and technical robustness of this process, we have constituted an independent task force, distinct from the IS4H team. This task force has specialized knowledge and harbors an undiluted focus on EHR evaluation. Their assessment will result in a final report, which will then be reviewed by a dedicated certification board for the ultimate pre-certification decision.

This intricate evaluation process reinforces our commitment to ensuring that each EHR system undergoes a comprehensive, holistic, and unbiased evaluation, fitting the profound significance EHRs have in our healthcare domain.

Your partnership, engagement, and commitment to quality will be pivotal as we embark on this crucial journey towards refining the digital healthcare landscape in Suriname.

Sincerely,

The Minister of Health



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