NYESS Users,

Over the past year the NYESS team has been working to improve the overall security of the system, and to ensure that access to the system is limited to those users who are actively employed at one of our partner agencies. With this end in mind, NYESS has developed the Required Training Attestation Compliance (RTAC) system to ensure that all end users of NYESS remain in compliance in regard to completing the three required annual trainings. These trainings are: the Cornerstones of Confidentiality, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Training, and the Information Security Training (IST). All of these trainings must be completed to maintain access to the system.

On February 1st 2016, the NYESS team will activate the RTAC component of the system. At that point you will have 30 days to attest to the completion of these trainings before your access to NYESS is deactivated. This attestation will require you to enter the date that each training was completed. As a result we are recommending several things to all end users:

1. If you have taken the trainings in the last 6 months, locate the paper attestation forms you completed, and use those dates when prompted to report to us when you took the trainings.
2. If you have not taken the trainings in the past six months we recommend that you take them between now and January 15th so that you can enter that date when completing the on-line attestation in RTAC.
3. Attend one of the brief informational webinars on:

a.December 17th at 10:00 a.m.
https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=mfd5130f25aa3c91ff45858cac17dec98
b.January 12th at 3:30 p.m.
https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=m5f00931c6603151d532e553efba830d0
c.Or listen to the recorded training on the NYESS web page (available after Dec 20th): www.nyess.ny.gov

If you have questions or concerns on this process please listen in to one of the webinars, or call Jessica Ellott at 518-473-6579 or Jessica.Ellott@omh.ny.gov or Joseph Carpenter at (518) 408-7764 or Joseph.Carpenter@omh.ny.gov .

Thank you!