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TO: NBHPP ESAR-VHP Program Coordinators

SUBJECT: ESAR-VHP Program Interim Technical and Policy Guidelines, Standards, and Definitions (Guidelines)

We are pleased to provide you with the attached electronic version of the “ESAR-VHP Program Interim Technical and Policy Guidelines, Standards, and Definitions” (Guidelines) report. Please use them in the planning and development of your ESAR-VHP system and distribute the Guidelines as you see fit. Please continue to send us your comments and suggestions, as the Guidelines remain a “living document.” In order to ensure your comments are catalogued and addressed, please send them to COMMENTS@ESARVHP.COM.

Also attached is a short discussion paper we prepared entitled, “Will the States’ Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHPs) Build Adequate Hospital Personnel Surge Capacity?” We provide this to facilitate discussion on this very important topic.

Under a separate e-mail today we will also provide two companion documents to the Guidelines report: the “ESAR-VHP Legal and Regulatory Issues” report and the “ESAR-VHP Hospital Implementation and Solutions Focus Group Meeting” report.

We at the ESAR-VHP office look forward to working with you to develop this essential state-based health workforce surge capacity.

Sincerely,

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