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Dear Colleague,

I am reaching out to remind you about an important resource available to your institution: the New York Attorney General's **Reproductive Health Hotline**, a service offering coordination with New York's top firms to provide free legal guidance and information about the continuing right to access and provide abortions in New York State.

The hotline number is (212) 899-5567.

The **Reproductive Health Hotline** was established in anticipation of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade* and eliminated the federal constitutional right to abortion. **Abortion remains legal and is a protected right in New York State**. However, a patchwork of laws has since gone into effect in other states, including laws criminalizing abortion. This has raised a <u>host of questions</u> for providers, health care institutions and the populations they serve about how these laws might apply to them—including about employee benefits, record-keeping, and potential liability relating to providing care to or assisting individuals from out of state.

The Hotline, which is operated in partnership with the law firm of Paul, Weiss and staffed by trained volunteer attorneys, is available to anyone seeking legal guidance relating to the right to provide or access abortion. That includes hospitals, stand-alone clinics, healthcare networks, and individual health care providers and staff, as well as patients seeking to travel to New York to obtain an abortion and people and organizations providing them with material support. The service is free and available in the 12 most common languages spoken in New York.

The Hotline is a project of the **Attorney General's Pro Bono Task Force on Reproductive Health**, a partnership between my office, leading reproductive justice advocacy organizations, and a network of private law firms. The Task Force was established to provide information, legal resources, trainings, and materials related to abortion access in New York State. More information and resources are available here: https://ag.ny.gov/reproductivehealth.

I encourage you to reach out to the hotline at (212) 899-5567 with any questions or requests you or your staff may have.

Thank you for the work you do every day to provide essential healthcare for all within our state.

Sincerely,

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