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Dear Hospital Executive:

Subject: 2008 Leapfrog Hospital Survey (Version 5)

The Michigan Health and Safety Coalition (MH&SC) is preparing to conduct the national Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which will be launched on April 1, 2008. As in years past, the MH&SC is assisting General Motors Corporation (Leapfrog's Regional Rollout Organization) in providing administrative support for conducting the survey.

The MH&SC supports national efforts such as Leapfrog's in the development and implementation of evidence- and consensus-based practices and measurement. The MH&SC will continue to promote hospital participation in Leapfrog's survey by sending communications about Leapfrog's survey to Michigan's hospitals. In return, MH&SC will obtain data from the Leapfrog survey (and other valid national data sources as they become available) to use for its initiatives.

More information about the Leapfrog survey will be coming to you next week, including the security code for accessing and completing the survey. The 2008 survey has changed substantially in order to make it shorter and easier to complete. Information outlining the changes is attached for your convenience.

Michigan has been among the top regions nationally in Leapfrog participation and several of our hospitals have been recognized for excellence in patient safety improvements. This year presents new opportunities for improvement in patient safety while meeting measurement and reporting challenges. The MH&SC looks forward to working with your hospital and the entire Michigan community on these very important issues.

Thank you in advance for your continued participation in patient safety surveys.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Thomas Simmer MD in black ink.

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