Dear Health Care Professional:

For more than a decade, the New York State Health Foundation has been dedicated to improving the health of all New Yorkers. As part of our efforts, we routinely sponsor studies that can inform health care policy and practice. One issue that has been critical to our mission is ensuring that all veterans and their families in New York State have access to high quality health care services. To this end, we have sponsored a new study to assess the capacity of community based health care professionals.

To carry out this important study, we have commissioned the RAND Corporation, an independent non-profit research organization to design and implement a survey of licensed health care professionals in New York State. You have been randomly selected to participate in this effort. The survey will take only about 20 minutes of your time and you will receive a token of appreciation for your participation.

I encourage you to take part in the survey. It is not necessary that you have any experience treating veterans in your setting. Your responses will be kept strictly confidential. Your input will help us to understand how we can help to improve and expand access to high quality health care for our veterans. We also plan to use the data to inform how the Department of Veterans Affairs can expand public private partnerships with non-governmental providers to serve the health care needs of veterans in our community.

Thank you for all you do to meet the health care needs of New York state residents and thank you in advance for participating in this very important study.

Sincerely,

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President and Chief Executive Officer