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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter recognizes that hospitals in the State of Missouri are reporting COVID-19 information (hospital capacity and utilization data) to the federal government at the required frequency and required amount of detail using TeleTracking, one of the approved reporting options.

Per Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar's [Guidance for Hospital Reporting and FAQs](#), one of the options for meeting federal data requirements is for hospitals to utilize the TeleTracking platform for submission of all data elements. We encourage hospitals in Missouri to continue reporting all requested COVID-19 hospital capacity and utilization data into TeleTracking daily.

Data on daily hospital capacity and utilization are used for the national public health emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including for prioritization and allocation of critical resources across the Nation. These data and resulting analyses support the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Response Coordination Center.

At your discretion, please provide a copy of this letter to your hospitals and ask them to continue using TeleTracking to report requested COVID-19 data elements. Thank you for all that you do.

Signed,

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