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Dear Clinic Manager/Administrator:

The Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) recognizes that a cornerstone to flu prevention remains the vaccination of health care workers.

For this reason, the MAFP would once again like to pose a challenge to all Minnesota family medicine clinics. This year, the challenge will not only focus on family physicians. **Clinics are now being asked to include all staff members who have clinical contact with patients.** Last influenza season, more than 70 family medicine clinics participated. (To see a list of these clinics, please visit www.mafp.org/2010hcwcliniclist.asp)

The MAFP is encouraging clinics to make an aggressive effort to get all health care workers vaccinated for the upcoming influenza season. **Those clinics that achieve a 95% vaccination rate among employees (who have clinical contact with patients) by November 30, 2011, will be sent a certificate by the MAFP acknowledging this accomplishment.** This certificate can be framed and displayed in clinic lobbies so that patients can see the steps you have taken to assure their safety. The MAFP will also be publicly recognizing all clinics that meet this goal in our newsletter, on our website and in a news release.

We will make every effort to educate our family physician members about this challenge in the coming weeks. We ask that you would copy the enclosed memo and distribute under your signature to all staff members who have clinical contact with patients in your clinic. An electronic version of the memo can be found on our website at www.mafp.org/hcwresources.asp if you wish to copy the text and send the message out by email. An electronic version of the "Get Your Flu Shot" flier is also available online. We would encourage you to print copies and hang them in areas where staff may view them. **When you are sure that 95% of eligible clinic employees have received their seasonal influenza vaccinations, please sign and return the enclosed postage-paid reply card to earn recognition for you clinic!**

Thank you for your time and attention to this serious matter. Together, we can work to educate health care workers about the importance of influenza vaccination.

Sincerely,

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