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Subject: Michael Hurst Katrina relief update

This is a new e-mail box that we have established to expedite communications to all of you.

To all, ISDH is still putting together teams to support the State's task force on the ground, but those teams are limited within the task force. I've previously sent out an update on those efforts. Many of you are able to go sooner than we can send you. To maximize your good will, we wanted to provide you with this additional resource for volunteering deployments to Mississippi and Louisiana. In the meantime we will continue to keep you updated. Thank you again for your response.

Michael.

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From: George E. Hardy Jr., MD, MPH [mailto:ghardy@ASTHO.org
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Subject: HHS Releases Website and Toll Free Number for Deployment of Health Professionals

Importance: High

We wanted you to be aware of the new HHS website and Toll Free Number for individual health care (and public health) professionals can register directly for appointment by HHS to assist in Hurricane Katrina's relief efforts. The HHS press release is copied below.

Individuals selected will be non-paid temporary Federal employees, and will be eligible for coverage under the Federal Tort Claims Act for liability coverage and Workman's Compensation when functioning as HHS.

While they will not be paid, travel costs and a per-diem will be provided.

George Hardy

(This e-mail is addressed to State Preparedness Directors and ASTHO staff)

HHS Releases Website and Toll Free Number for Deployment by Health Care Professionals

The Department of Health and Human Services has established a website (<<https://volunteer.hhs.gov> <<https://volunteer.hhs.gov/>> >) and toll-free number (1-866-KATMEDI) to help identify health care professionals and relief personnel to assist in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

"The desire of America's health care professionals to use their skills to help Hurricane Katrina's victims has been inspiring", Secretary Mike Leavitt said. "This website and toll free number are important tools to become part of this network of goodness that is taking place."

Multidisciplinary healthcare professionals and relief personnel with expertise in the following areas are encouraged to visit the website and register to volunteer for appointment by HHS:

- Administration/Finance Officers Nursing Assistants/Nursing Support
- Technicians
- Chaplain/Social Worker Nursing Staff Directors
- Clinical Physicians Patient Transporters/Volunteers
- Dentists Pharmacists
- Dieticians Psychologists
- Epidemiologists Physician's Assistants or Nurse Practitioners
- Environmental Health Physician Chiefs of Staff
- Epidemiologists Respiratory Therapists
- Facility Managers RNs
- Housekeepers Safety Officers
- IT/Communications Officers Security Officers
- LPNs Social Workers
- Medical Clerks Supply Managers
- Mental Health Workers Veterinarians

Please be advised that individuals must be healthy enough to function under field conditions. This may include all or some of the following:

- 12-hour shifts
- Austere conditions (possibly no showers, housing in tents)-
- No air conditioning
- Long periods of standing
- Sleep accommodations on bedroll
- Military ready to eat meals

These workers will be non-paid temporary Federal employees, and will therefore be eligible for coverage under the Federal Tort Claims Act for liability coverage and Workman's Compensation when functioning as HHS employees. Although there will not be any salary, travel and per diem will be paid.

Volunteers with no healthcare background can find information on volunteering USAFreedomCorps.gov or by calling 1-877-USA-CORPS.

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