



I am pleased to introduce you to an opportunity to assist in a ministry called Mercy Clinic, a free medical and dental clinic. We realize that the time you afford our clinic is a precious gift and if not for professionals like yourself many people within our community may not receive health care assistance. Though none of us want to think that adversity could ever come from intended good will, we all understand this is a potential risk. That is why I'm pleased to introduce a program that will offer you immunity from medical malpractice lawsuits while volunteering at Mercy Clinic. Congress has enacted the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) medical malpractice protection for volunteer free clinic health care professionals. There are requirements to be met, before a sponsoring free clinic can apply to the Department of Health and Human Services, on behalf of their volunteer health care professional. All free clinics wishing to participate must assure the Bureau of Primary Health Care that they conduct complete and thorough credentialing and privileging of their health care professionals, including querying of the National Practitioner's Data Bank (NPDB). This process is probably not new to you, as this is the same process that hospitals require. In order to meet this requirement, there is information and authorization that will need to be obtained to complete the credentialing process. It is our intention to make this process as simple and unobtrusive as possible. The credentialing process will be conducted with complete confidentiality. A copy of the FTCA public information notice is also being sent for review. If you have any questions regarding the FTCA program, please don't hesitate to contact me. A form is attached so that you may respond as to your interest in pursuing the FTCA medical malpractice protection. As stated, we are glad to be able to offer this program and hope you will elect to take advantage of this opportunity. We look forward to your continued support. It would be very helpful to receive your completed application at your earliest convenience.

Please contact me for any questions.

Sincerely,

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