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Dear Administrator:

A number of members of the healthcare community have been working for many months to develop recommendations regarding Safe Practices for Patient Lifting and Transfers. Several organizations, including the Utah Association of Nurse Leaders, Utah Health Care Association and Utah Hospitals and Health Systems Association, have been actively involved in the development and endorsement of these guidelines.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the guidelines for your review. These guidelines are in accordance with OSHA 2003, Guidelines for Nursing Homes: Ergonomics for the Prevention of Musculoskeletal Disorders and American Nurses Association, (2004) Patient Safety Center of Injury, Veterans Health Administration, Handle with Care, as well as other references reviewed.

A poster is being prepared and may be down loaded to encourage employees to adopt good practice to reduce injuries.

We invite your facility or organization to review these guidelines and join us in supporting efforts to improve patient safety and reduce injuries to our workforce in the state of Utah. If you would like to be listed as a supporting organization in our education and media we need to hear from you no later than April 30, 2007. Enclosed is a commitment form that we ask you to complete and return.

Thanks for your efforts to provide quality health care to the citizens of Utah.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Krella, FACHE
President and CEO
UHA, Utah Hospitals and Health Systems Association

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Utah Safe Practices for Patient Lifting and Transfers Task Force
Guidelines

Commitment of Support

Name of Organization/Facility_____

Contact Person_____

Title_____

Phone_____ Email_____

Our facility/organization fully supports the Safe Patient Lifting and Transfer Guidelines for Utah Health Care Facilities as presented by the Task Force and wishes to be included as a supporting organization in education and media efforts related to the public release of the guidelines.

Signature of organization/facility primary contact

Date

Please fax (801/486-0882)
Or mail to:

UHA,c/o Safe Patient Lifting and Transfer Initiative
2180 South 1300 East, Suite 440
Salt Lake City, UT 84106

By **April 30, 2007**