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MEMORANDUM FOR: NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS
STATE DIRECTORS OF VETERANS EMPLOYMENT
AND TRAINING SERVICE

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SUBJECT: Crisis in Health Care

You should all be aware of the growing national crisis in the health care industry. The shortage of qualified health care workers has resulted in short-staffing in hospitals, closure of wards and emergency rooms, and a growing tendency for patient care to suffer. While this nation is not at the point of shutting down hospitals yet, that potential exists.

The Veterans' Employment and Training Service is in a unique position to help alleviate this unacceptable situation. Each year thousands of people with training in healthcare specialties separate from the armed forces. Thousands more separate with no concrete career goals in mind. They simply want a job. Through our Transition Assistance Program seminars, our state staff and contract personnel can begin to promote health careers. Local health care providers can be invited in to make presentations after TAP sessions have concluded. In many cases, health care institutions may be able to employ separating service members and spouses immediately and then fund the necessary education courses.

I encourage each of you to use your imaginations to think of ways we can help solve this problem. With your commitment, I know we can make a difference.