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Dear Rehabilitation Professional,

Greetings from the Stroke Rehabilitation Workgroup, which is part of the State of Alaska Stroke Task Force. We are a group of rehabilitation professionals committed to providing the best possible care for stroke patients in Alaska. We are working with our partners in prehospital stroke care, and acute care to develop a state-wide stroke system of care which will address effective stroke prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. One of our first tasks is to collect information about our state's current stroke rehabilitation capacity using this survey.

We are sending this survey to all licensed occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech-language therapists. **This survey, which takes only 5 minutes**, asks about stroke rehabilitation services in your region, facility, any support groups, referral patterns and educational needs. Your thoroughness and honest responses will be of tremendous assistance as we assess our state's capacity to provide the best care for our residents.

Please complete the enclosed survey and return in the stamped self addressed envelope enclosed. If you prefer fax, please remember it is 2 sided form and fax to (907) 465-2770.

Thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey within 2 weeks of receipt. If you have any questions, about the survey, please do not hesitate to call Justine at (907) 465-8234, fax at (907) 465-2770 or justine_muench@health.state.ak.us

Sincerely,

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