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Please accept my sincere appreciation for your interest in volunteering at the Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the uninsured. Enclosed you will find more information about the Clinic, as well as forms to complete and return as soon as possible.

The clinic operates Thursdays from 2 pm to 7 pm. The medical providers are scheduled to accommodate **your** schedule. In addition to volunteer physicians for each clinic, the staffing includes an RN manager, family nurse practitioner who is also the Clinic Director, a bilingual operation's manager, volunteer nurses from the community and students trained for various roles.

There are two major roles for volunteer physicians at the Leahy Clinic: (a) "on-site" primary care physicians offering non-emergency "sick care" clinic at the Leahy Center, including diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up; (b) an "off-site" referral network of specialists who will volunteer to see patients at their own practices.

The Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured participates in the HRSA FTCA program for Free Clinic malpractice coverage. All volunteers are required to be credentialed and deemed public health employees within this plan to volunteer on-site. This is very similar to hospital credentialing and privileging process, and once deemed will be covered while practicing on site in the Leahy Clinic. We also advise you to inform your current malpractice insurance provider that you are volunteering. According to Pennsylvania law, insurance carriers cannot prohibit volunteering or increase premiums due to volunteering. You may also consider applying for a Volunteer PA License. This will provide an additional tier of coverage.

Please complete the enclosed Volunteer Physician Information form and supply ALL credential information as listed on the check list, and **return by fax (570) 941-6165 or mail**. Feel free to copy this form for physicians and nurses in your practice. I am available to answer questions and assist with individual circumstances. Please call me at **(570) 941-6156** with any inquiries. We look forward to your joining us in this important effort to improve access to health care for uninsured residents of Lackawanna area.

Sincerely,

Andrea Mantione, MHA, MSN, CRNP
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