

Morgan Hospital & Medical Center

February 25, 2010

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
SH-306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

Morgan Hospital & Medical Center (MHMC) would appreciate your leadership and support for our request for a special appropriation to institute e-prescribing through significant enhancement of our IT/Quality systems. We are committed to the highest quality of patient care and increasing cost-effectiveness and fiscal accountability by using the best technology available.

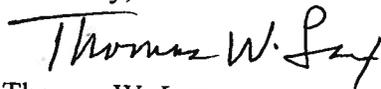
We plan to deploy e-prescribing to help track the more than 90,000 prescriptions issued at MHMC each year. The system will allow us to better monitor patient care, avoid possibly dangerous drug interactions by alerting prescribers about other medications being used, reduce the possibility for abuse, and improve reimbursement records.

We are most grateful for your prior support, including your leadership to secure special funding for new digital mammography equipment and also, seek more equitable Medicare reimbursement for MHMC.

Your assistance with this new initiative will make a great difference to the Hoosiers we serve. We are committed to providing our patients with high quality care and exercising good stewardship of scarce resources needed to fund health services for those without insurance coverage. Deployment of e-prescribing technology will help us deliver safer and more cost-effective care and will be integrated into our initiative to acquire and utilize electronic health records.

Thank you for considering this request and for your leadership in the U.S. Senate.

Sincerely,



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