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As someone working in the health-care industry, you are aware of the many challenges facing our health-care system—among them, the training and retention of qualified health workers. We are asking for your help in an important study that will assist the University and its health-care-industry partners to develop training, recruitment, and retention strategies to meet the health-care workforce needs of Alaska. The Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) and the Alaska Center for Rural Health (ACRH) are collaborating in a study to identify vacancies in specific groups of health professions.

We are conducting a statewide survey of health facilities, and your organization has been randomly selected to participate. We are asking questions about current staffing levels, numbers of current vacancies, and your ability to hire new graduates. Your insights will be helpful to us and to other health-care professionals.

The questionnaire will take about 15 minutes to complete. If you are not the most appropriate person to complete it, please select someone else in your organization to assist in the completion of the survey. Please mail your completed questionnaire in the enclosed, stamped, self-addressed envelope at your earliest possible convenience. There are other options for responding to us as described on the cover page of the questionnaire. You may choose the most convenient.

On Monday, March 23, we will start calling people who have not responded to our survey. If you have any questions, please call Meghan Wilson at (907) 786-5408 or send a message to her at [anmlw@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:anmlw@uaa.alaska.edu)

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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