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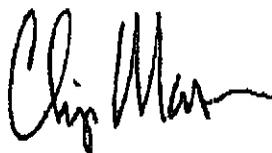
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Sincerely,



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Don Hammond

Director Materials Management

Barrow Regional Medical Center

316 N. Broad St. Winder, GA 30680



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Scott Dorsey
Piedmont Healthcare
Manager, Information Services Customer Care



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Kaiser Permanente Information Technology VP and Business Information Officer



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Sincerely,

Lucy Fleming,
Telecommunications Director



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Tammy Ferrand
BayCare Health System
System Support Analyst



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Memorial Hospital

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To Saunders
Communications Supervisor



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Sincerely,


Valerie Anderson
Communications, Tampa General Hospital

Winter Haven Hospital

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Pat Mongoven
Director of Information Technology



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Randy Keene
Administrator



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Stephanie Perez
Director, Telecommunications

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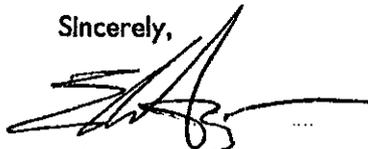
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NORTH SHORE

Medical Center

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Luis Estrada
I.T. Director



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General Hospital

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Dawn M. Nesbitt



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Sincerely,

Opal Cook
Purchasing Agent

DELRAY Medical Center



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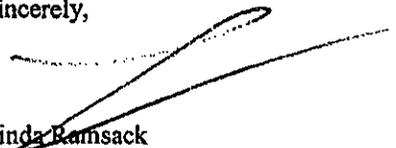
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Linda Ramsack
Director
Materials Management Department
Delray Medical Center

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