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IHS All:

Given that the hiring freeze for federal agencies has been a hot news topic, we want to share some information with you and keep you updated on IHS guidance and actions. To summarize, on Monday, January 23, 2017, a Presidential Memorandum (PM) was issued ordering a freeze on the hiring of Federal civilian employees government-wide with some specific exemptions noted. Further implementing guidance was provided by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in a memorandum M-17-17 dated January 25, 2017. We have been updating IHS management staff daily and are working closely with HHS on clarifying the PM and the OMB guidance. In addition, RADM Buchanan, Acting Director, IHS, is working with HHS to provide information to support an exemption for all positions at our health facilities from the hiring freeze so we can ensure that the level and quality of care, and public and patient safety are not compromised. We want to assure you that we are doing everything we can to ensure IHS operations return to normal as quickly as possible, and will provide updates on the hiring freeze as more information becomes available.

Thank you.

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