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I wanted to make you aware, if you had not read it over the weekend, that the University of Connecticut Health Center will be participating in the Charter Oak Health Plan.

As the state's only public Academic Health Center and public University Hospital, providing Connecticut's uninsured citizens with access to our healthcare services is the right thing to do and an essential part of our mission. Unfortunately, our participation in the Charter Oak Health Plan is almost certain to increase the Health Center's projected deficit for FY09. While we can't predict the number of Charter Oak patients who will elect to use the Health Center for care or what medical conditions they will present, we know that if reimbursement for services under the Charter Oak Plan approximates the level of reimbursement under the Medicaid program, our forecasted deficit this year will rise.

This is a challenging time for the Health Center, as it is for all clinical care operations across the state. The decision to participate in Charter Oak was a difficult one due to its potential fiscal implications. As I am sure you are aware, the University of Connecticut Health Center is the only state entity that raises over 80% of its revenues. However, despite these realities, the decision was made that, in the best interest of the state, its public academic health center ought to participate in the program.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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