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Dear Product and Service Suppliers of Participants: ¹

The purpose of this letter is to request your organization's participation in an Online Registry of Purchased Supplies and Services. Please read the information below and submit acknowledgement or denial within 10 calendar days to the site located at:

http://www.ascensionhealth.org/index.php?option=com_rsform&Itemid=308

Ascension has embarked on a significant business transformation effort termed Symphony, which integrates Record-to-Report, Hire-to-Retire and Procure-to-Pay processes in a single Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) information system: PeopleSoft. This transformation provides increased transparency of information across Ascension and depends on data that is accurate, consistent and current.

In support of PeopleSoft deployment, a number of approaches to cleanse and reconcile data have been applied. To complete the reconciliation, as well as provide ongoing maintenance in support of data integrity, The Resource Group is engaging suppliers through an Online Registry of the supplies and services purchased by Participants. This Online Registry provides the following line item information:

- Ascension Health PeopleSoft Item Number
- Company name as maintained in the PeopleSoft Vendor File
- Company catalog/item number as maintained in the PeopleSoft Item File
- Item description as maintained in the PeopleSoft Item File
- Ordering Unit of Measure data as maintained in the PeopleSoft Item File

Please note that neither quantities of purchases nor pricing will be displayed.

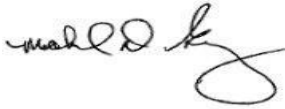
This Online Registry is an incredible diagnostic resource for your organization to support timely and accurate payment for products and services. It will also assist your efforts when working with our User-Directed Strategic Sourcing™ team. Your active participation is critical to the management of data necessary to purchase products or services from your organization. Failure to provide and maintain this information may prevent The Resource Group from conducting business with your organization in the future.

Implementation of the Online Registry has two phases:

- **Phase 1:** Supplier National Account Executives confirm or reject participation in the Online Registry at this site: http://www.ascensionhealth.org/index.php?option=com_rsform&Itemid=308
- **Phase 2:** Upon receipt of acknowledgement from all suppliers, The Resource Group will provide access to a downloadable file on The Resource Group website. This file will contain information about the products and services purchased by Participants.

Thank you for your engagement in this effort to reduce the variability in our data that drives waste, unnecessary costs and delays both in ordering as well as payment. For questions or concerns, please email The Resource Group Customer Care Team at TheResourceGroup@ascension.org or call 314.733.8500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M" and "G".

Michael D. Gray
Chief Strategy Officer

¹Participants include all Ascension-owned and managed facilities, as well as potential non-affiliated healthcare, education, or industry institutions that are served by The Resource Group.