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Dear Provider:

New York's essential frontline health care and mental hygiene workers have seen us through a once-in-a-century public health crisis that transformed our state into a model for battling and beating COVID-19. As part of the Fiscal Year 2023 New York State Executive Budget legislation, \$1.2 billion has been allocated by Governor Hochul and the State Legislature via the *Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus (HWB) Program* for the payment of bonuses to "recruit, retain, and reward health care and mental hygiene workers" who meet specified eligibility requirements.

This listserv notice is to inform our provider community that the New York State Department of Health, working with the Governor's Office and other state agency partners, has launched the *HWB Portal* to facilitate submission by eligible employers on behalf of their employees who qualify for bonus payments.

As a next step, all providers are strongly encouraged to visit the following links for more information:

**HWB** Announcement and Information

https://www.health.ny.gov/health\_care/medicaid/providers/hwb\_program/

**HWB FAQs** 

https://www.health.ny.gov/health\_care/medicaid/providers/hwb\_program/hwb\_program\_faq.htm

**HWB** Portal

https://www.nysworkerbonus.com/

Providers with additional questions may contact the *Health Care Worker Bonus Call Center* at (866) 682-0077 or via email at <a href="mailto:nysworkersbonus@health.ny.gov">nysworkersbonus@health.ny.gov</a>.

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