

## APPENDIX M

### Sample Letter to Physicians of Discharged Patients/Residents

Facility Letterhead

Date

Dear Physician:

Our medical center is currently experiencing an outbreak of scabies. The period of potential exposure was from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Patients/residents whose last date of exposure was more than six weeks ago should be questioned regarding symptoms consistent with scabies. Those patients/residents found to be symptomatic should be evaluated and treated as necessary. Family members and other close contacts should receive prophylactic scabicide therapy at the same time the patient/resident is treated. Permethrin cream 5% (Elimite®) is the recommended agent for treatment of scabies.

Patients/residents whose last date of exposure was less than six weeks from this date should be treated with topical scabicide or monitored for symptoms until the six-week period is over. Close contacts of symptomatic patients/residents should also receive treatment or monitoring as well.

Enclosed is a list of your patients/residents who are considered exposed and their last date of exposure. Please notify \_\_\_ at \_\_\_ if any of your patients/residents develop scabies. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Name, Title