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Dear Provider:

Recent presentations and discussion regarding Illinois Joining Forces (IJF) during the regional community forums were intended to inform you about IJF, and to encourage you to become IJF members. The attached documents explain the purpose of IJF. The following link will take you to the IJF web site where you will find the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for becoming an IJF member. Please review the documents and take this opportunity to help serve our returning Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families (SMVF) by becoming an IJF member.

Additionally, please review your intake, assessment, and registration practices for SMVF markers (data elements) to track service delivery for this population. The question to ask is "Have you or a loved one ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces?" A "Key Assessment Questions" document is also attached to help guide you in properly identifying this population.

<http://www.illinoisjoiningforces.org/>