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RE: Access to medical evaluation, treatment, and other medical resources for civil immigrant detainees at FCI Sheridan

Dear Mr. Ives and Ms. Godfrey,

On behalf of the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP), I am writing to you today to express our members' grave concern over the health conditions and general welfare of the 123 men seeking asylum who are being detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at FCI Sheridan without meaningful access to attorneys, clergy, and health care providers. It is our understanding, based on reports from the Oregon Congressional visit and other sources, that there are individuals with health care needs that are not being adequately addressed. We want to ensure that the ICE Detention Standard for Medical Care is being met.

Per the Performance-Based National Detention Standards 2011, last revised in December 2016, Section 4.3, "Every facility shall directly or contractually provide its detainee population with the following: 1. Initial medical, mental health and dental screening; 2. Medically necessary and appropriate medical, dental and mental health care and pharmaceutical services; 3. Comprehensive, routine and preventive health care, as medically indicated; 4. Emergency care; 5. Specialty health care; 6. Timely responses to medical complaints; and 7. Hospitalization as needed within the local community. 8. Staff or professional language services necessary for detainees with limited English proficiency (LEP) during any medical or mental health appointment, sick call, treatment, or consultation." See ICE PBNDS 2011 at Ch. 4.3(V)(A).

The members of the OAFP, who are part of the medical community throughout the state, strongly request that the Sheridan facility immediately provide such health care access, in accordance with ICE standards, to all civil detainees in your custody. We appreciate your prompt attention and efforts to provide access to medical care, advise these men that medical care is available to them, and make clear the process by which healthcare practitioners can provide appropriate medical evaluation and treatment to these men seeking asylum.

Sincerely,

Robyn Liu, MD, MPH
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