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Dear [NAME]:

Confidential information provided to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (“MMRC” or “committee”) was inappropriately shared with outside individual(s) although both the confidential agreement that committee members sign and O.C.G.A. § 31-2A-16 prohibit the disclosure of such information. Even though this disclosure was investigated, the investigation was unable to uncover which individual(s) disclosed confidential information.

Therefore, effective immediately the current MMRC is disbanded, and all member seats will be filled through a new application process. Additionally, other procedures for on-boarding committee members better ensuring confidentiality, committee oversight and MMRC organizational structure will be evaluated for possible modifications. Once these changes have been made, the Georgia Department of Public Health (“DPH”) will begin the process of filling all committee positions. The application process will be posted on DPH’s website in the coming weeks. This change to the current committee will not result in a delay in the MMRC’s responsibilities.

Thank you for your service on the MMRC and for your dedication to citizens of Georgia.

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner and State Health Officer