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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this letter of support for the Rape Crisis Center of Milford. Having worked with the staff at the Rape Crisis Center for many years, we have come to be amazed at the level of commitment to patient care these individuals possess. Milford Hospital has worked collaboratively with the Rape Crisis Center of Milford on implementing the following programs: providing post exposure contraception and ensuring payment for sexual assault patients, providing joint educational programs for Emergency Department personnel on sexual assault evidence collection and updated standards of care; and improving sexual assault provider rape crisis counselor coordination.

The Rape Crisis Center of Milford was instrumental in working with our institution to implement our post exposure contraception plan. Now sexual assault patients are offered post exposure contraception when indicated and do not have to worry about payment.

Sexual assault patients arrive at all hours including weekends and evenings to the Emergency Department. The Rape Crisis Center of Milford counselors are contacted and respond expeditiously. We have worked collaboratively to time our sexual assault evaluations subsequent to the arrival of the counselors.

The Rape Crisis Center of Milford remains an invaluable resource to Milford Hospital and the community. They provide resources and personnel for the implementation of programs, and have the highest commitment for excellent patient care.

Sincerely,

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