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N-SSATS 2006 advance letter

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service



Substance Abuse and Mental
Health Services Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

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Dear Facility Director:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sponsors an annual survey known as the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS). N-SSATS collects data from every known substance abuse treatment facility in the country and is the most comprehensive national source of data on alcohol and drug abuse treatment facilities. Federal, state and local administrators use this information to help make informed decisions about treatment program needs, *which makes your participation important.*

As in past years, information from this survey will also be used to update the National Directory of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatment Programs and the on-line Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator found at **<http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>**. The on-line Locator is searchable and has an easy-to-use mapping feature. Facilities that respond to the 2006 N-SSATS and are designated as eligible by their State substance abuse agency will be listed in both the 2006 Directory and the on-line Locator.

This year's survey will ask questions on the number of clients receiving various types of substance abuse services at this facility on March 31, 2006. It will also include questions about other facility characteristics and services offered. The survey is being conducted for SAMHSA by Mathematica Policy Research (MPR), Princeton, NJ. In late March, you will receive a packet from MPR with information about completing the questionnaire either on the Internet or by filling out a paper version and returning it to MPR. I encourage you to complete the questionnaire on the Internet, as it is the most efficient method for collecting the data.

Thank you, and we look forward to your participation in the 2006 N-SSATS.

Sincerely,

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