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**U.S. Census Bureau**

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FROM THE DIRECTOR  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Re: Health Care Facilities

The United States Constitution provides that a census of the United States be taken every 10 years. In the year 2010, the Census Bureau will conduct the 2010 Census across the Nation to enumerate the U.S. population. The decennial census provides the information each community needs to obtain funding for health assistance, services for older adults, employment services, schools, and more.

In order to prepare for the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau is conducting the 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal in your area. The dress rehearsal will help us to rehearse our procedures before we conduct a full census in 2010. During the 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal there will be operations to enumerate people who live or stay in group quarters, particularly hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, nursing homes, and in-patient hospice facilities.

We do not ask for any health-related information and therefore are in compliance with regulations issued under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule. When enumerating the residents at your facility, we collect each resident's name, gender, age, date of birth, race, and ethnicity.

If you have any questions, call the Local Census Office. The telephone number is provided in your census materials. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Charles Louis Kincannon  
Director

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