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FROM THE DIRECTOR  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

To: Health Care Facilities

The United States Constitution provides that a census of the United States be taken every ten years. In the year 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct a Census across the Nation to enumerate the U.S. population. The decennial census provides the information each community relies on to obtain federal and state 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. This will be our final opportunity to examine procedures we will use in the 2010 Census. 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 will collect each resident's name, gender, age, date of birth, race, and ethnicity.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Louis Kincannon".

Charles Louis Kincannon  
Director

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