[AHRQ LETTERHEAD]

Dear [name]:

You recently received an e-mail invitation from Marsha Gold at Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (MPR) to participate in the AHRQ HSR Principal Investigator Survey. I urge you to respond and collaborate with us in this effort. The information obtained from this survey will help us to better understand how findings from AHRQ's grant-funded research program on healthcare costs, productivity, organization, and market forces have been disseminated and used, and critically for AHRQ, how we can strengthen support for conducting and disseminating such research in the future.

If you have completed the survey, please accept my sincere thanks. If you have not yet completed the survey, please take the time to do so today. The survey was sent to a select group of only 140 health services researchers who were principal investigators on AHRQ grants on the indicated topics since the late 1990's; as such, your participation is very important.

Please be assured that your feedback on AHRQ's performance and your perceptions of other research funders will be kept confidential, to the extent allowed by law; MPR will share information with AHRQ in summary form only. To support the study's objectives, information you provide on publications and outcomes of grants may be reported publicly.

If you need a new email invitation or if you would like a hardcopy version of the survey mailed to you, please call Tara Krissik at MPR at 202-484-9220.

Sincerely,

[AHRQ official] [Title]