

**Attachment B4**

**N-SSATS 2010 advance letter**



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental  
Health Services Administration

Center for Mental Health Services  
Center for Substance Abuse  
Prevention  
Center for Substance Abuse  
Treatment  
Rockville MD 20857

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Dear Facility Director:

The National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) is an annual survey sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). N-SSATS collects data from every known substance abuse treatment facility in the country. These data include information about facility characteristics, the types of services offered, and the number of clients receiving substance abuse services at this facility on March 31, 2010.

Federal, state, and local administrators use the N-SSATS data to help make informed decisions about treatment program needs, and your participation is needed to ensure that substance abuse treatment in your area will be properly represented. These data are also used to update the *National Directory of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatment Programs* and the Substance Abuse Treatment Facility online Locator, found at <http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>. Facilities that participate in the 2010 N-SSATS, and are designated as eligible by their state substance abuse agency, can choose to be listed in both the 2011 *Directory* and the online Locator.

In early April, you will receive a questionnaire packet from Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (MPR), Princeton, NJ. The packet will include instructions for completing the questionnaire on the Internet. The Internet is the easiest and most convenient way for you to complete the 2010 N-SSATS. If you completed the 2009 N-SSATS, completing on the Internet will be even easier this year because responses to questions that typically do not change from year to year will be “pre-filled” with answers from last year’s survey. If for any reason you cannot complete the N-SSATS on the Internet, you will also find a paper copy of the questionnaire and a pre-paid return envelope included in your packet.

We look forward to your participation in the 2010 N-SSATS.

Sincerely,

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