

Attachment B7

N-SSATS 2010 second mailing cover 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:

On March 31 we mailed you the 2010 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) questionnaire. In case you did not receive the questionnaire or misplaced it, we are sending you another copy. The N-SSATS is an annual survey of substance abuse treatment facilities sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Last year, 95 percent of the nation's substance abuse treatment facilities participated in this survey. You may wonder why this level of participation is so important, and here are some of the main reasons:

- N-SSATS provides the only comprehensive national data on the types of treatment services available and the number of persons in treatment;
- N-SSATS responses are used to update the *National Directory of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatment Programs* and the online Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator found at <http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>;
- N-SSATS data are used to develop treatment policies.

We encourage you to ***complete the 2010 N-SSATS questionnaire on the Internet***. We are committed to saving you time and making it easier to complete the survey online. Thus, if you completed the 2009 N-SSATS, you will find that responses to questions that typically do not change from year to year have already been "pre-filled" in the 2010 online questionnaire. The enclosed pink flyer provides this facility's unique User ID and Password for accessing the questionnaire on the Internet. Nevertheless, we have also enclosed a paper questionnaire should you prefer to complete the survey in that manner. In either case, it is important that we receive your response as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the survey or how to complete the questionnaire on the Internet, please call the N-SSATS helpline at **1-888-324-8337**.

Thank you for your participation in this important survey.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

NOTE: The N-SSATS questionnaire is designed to collect information about a single facility at a single location, that is, the facility whose name and address are printed on the questionnaire's cover. If your organization offers treatment services at more than one location and you receive a questionnaire for each one, please complete and return a separate questionnaire for each location.