

FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

To: Health Care Facilities

The U.S. Constitution requires that a count of the nation's population be taken every ten years. In 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct a census to count every person residing in the United States. The 2010 census will provide the information each community relies on to obtain more than \$300 billion in federal and state funding distributed each year for health assistance, services for older adults, employment services, schools, and more.

During the 2010 Census, there are operations to count 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 (HIPPA) 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. The telephone number is provided in your census materials. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to working with you to obtain an accurate count.

Sincerely,

Steve Murdock
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