## National Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program Survey

## Assessing State Programs' Community-Clinical Linkages and Related Technical Assistance Needs

## INTRODUCTORY EMAIL

Dear [State Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program Manager],

As you may know, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (DHDSP), working in collaboration with RTI International, is in the midst of a 5-year evaluation of the National Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (NHDSP) program. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the impact of state Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention programs and to assess the extent to which the national program is making progress toward reaching its goals and objectives.

We would like to invite you to participate in a web-based survey to provide information on how DHDSP can best support Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention programs in implementing and evaluating community-clinical linkages and related technical assistance needs. This survey should take no more than 25 minutes to complete.

Please note that this survey is different from the web-based survey being administered to evaluate the Institute of Medicine (IOM) "A Population-Based Policy and Systems Change Approach to Prevent and Control Hypertension" report.

The survey, provided to you as a SurveyMonkey<sup>™</sup> web-based survey, is designed to allow you to save responses and resume completion at a subsequent time. You also will be able to discuss responses or delegate a designee from your program staff to answer the survey questions, should the need arise. Responses provided to this survey are considered those of state Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention programs—not those of individuals—and all responses provided will be maintained securely by RTI International staff.

You will be contacted by the RTI International Evaluation Task Lead, Dr. LaShawn Curtis, with an invitation email to participate in the survey. Please be sure to set your email Spam filters to allow emails from <a href="mailto:lcurtis@rti.org">lcurtis@rti.org</a>.

Thank you for in advance for your willingness to participate. Please contact Dr. Curtis via e-mail: <a href="mailto:lcurtis@rti.org">lcurtis@rti.org</a> or phone: 770-407-4913, if you have any questions or comments about this survey.

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