

Attachment E: AATOD LETTER OF SUPPORT

March 2011

Dear Opioid Treatment Program Director:

I am writing to encourage your participation in the **2011 Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Supplement**. This is a first ever SAMSHA-sponsored survey specific to OTPs. Substance abuse treatment facilities recognized by SAMSHA as operating a certified OTP are being asked to complete this voluntary survey. The American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD) encourages your participation.

Mathematica Policy Research, on behalf of SAMSHA, is conducting the OTP Supplement in conjunction with the 2011 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS).

Your participation in the OTP Supplement is important. The data collected by the OTP Supplement will provide better information about the types of treatments and services available at OTPs. This information will help in our efforts to advocate for funding for OTPs at the state and national levels. Data from the OTP Supplement will inform our work with SAMSHA providing guidance to OTP facilities like yours on various programmatic issues. The answers you provide for this survey will be completely confidential. The data will only be shown as an aggregate and your facility's individual answers will not be identifiable.

The survey is designed for easy and efficient completion on the Internet. You can access the survey by logging on to <https://survey.nssats.com>. Please log on and complete the survey as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the survey, please call the OTP Helpline at **1-888-324-8337**. If you'd like to talk to someone at AATOD about the survey, please call [*name AATOD contact*] at [*phone number of AATOD contact*].

On behalf of AATOD, thank you in advance for completing the 2011 OTP Supplement.

Sincerely,