

ATTACHMENT C-1
INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE FOR CLINICIAN SURVEY



HIV Workforce Survey

You have been selected to participate in a federal survey on the demand for and supply of clinicians who provide primary care and treatment to people living with HIV or AIDS

Survey Details

Sponsorship and Administration of the Survey

The HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) within the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is sponsoring this survey to better understand the supply of and demand for primary care clinicians who specialize in treating patients living with HIV or AIDS. HRSA contracted with Mathematica Policy Research to conduct a survey of 5,000 primary care clinicians who currently treat patients with living HIV or AIDS.

Goal of the Survey

The goal of the survey is to develop action steps that HRSA and other national and local stakeholders can use to strengthen the ability of the HIV clinician workforce to meet the growing demand for HIV-related medical care. The survey data will help HRSA assess the capacity of the HIV workforce to meet the increasing demand for HIV-related medical care, as well as examine the variation in HIV workforce capacity by region, health profession, and health care setting. HRSA will use the findings to help implement the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy to increase access to care, improve health outcomes for people living with HIV or AIDS, and reduce HIV-related disparities and health inequities.

Use of the Survey Data

HRSA will use the survey responses to build an aggregate supply and demand model to evaluate and forecast the capacity of the HIV workforce to meet the growing demand for HIV-related medical care services and to identify strategies for addressing HIV workforce challenges in the future.

Confidentiality of Information You Provide

HRSA will keep your identity and contact information separate from the survey responses you provide. Your responses will be kept confidential, except as prescribed by law. Mathematica will present the findings from the survey to HRSA in aggregate form only; no responses will be attributable to you or the clinic where you practice. The survey is not directly associated with funding for the care and treatment of patients with HIV or AIDS; nor is it related to other state or federal reporting requirements. Your decision to complete the survey will have no effect on any funding you receive for the care and treatment of patients with HIV or AIDS now or in the future.

How You Can Help HRSA

You have been selected to participate in this survey because, based on a review of medical claims data, you provided medical care to a significant number of patients with HIV or AIDS in the past 12 months. You can help HRSA better understand the capacity of the HIV workforce and implement the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy by completing the survey in a timely manner when Mathematica contacts you.

The Survey Sample

The survey sample consists of 5,000 clinicians drawn from all 50 states and the District of Columbia who currently provide primary care to a significant number of patients living with HIV or AIDS. The survey sample includes physicians in internal medicine, family/general medicine, and infectious disease; nurse practitioners; and physician assistants.

Timeframe for Completing the Survey

We encourage you to complete the survey within 14 days of receiving the survey materials. Once the data are collected, Mathematica will analyze the survey responses and summarize the findings in aggregate form in a written report to HRSA.

Options for Completing the Survey

You may complete the survey online, by mail, or on the phone.

Completing by Web	Completing by Mail	Completing by Phone
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secure and easy to navigate• Unique ID and password for accessing the URL• Automated skips• Complete at your leisure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• User-friendly instructions• Postage-paid envelope provided to return paper copy• Complete at your leisure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule best time for you• Professional interviewer will assist you in completing the survey and manage everything for you

Survey Questions

The survey asks about your professional background, the number of hours you spend in patient care, the number and type of patients you serve, the characteristics of practice where you spend most of your time, your plans to increase or decrease the amount of time you spend treating patients with HIV or AIDS, and your perspective on the capacity of the HIV workforce in your community.

Time Commitment

The survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. We recognize that you are a busy professional, so we have worked to make the survey as brief as possible. We pretested the survey with other HIV clinicians to ensure the questions are relevant to your clinical experience and can be answered without you having to look up additional information.

Incentive Payment

Mathematica Policy Research will send you a \$20 gift card in the **Priority Mail** survey packet you will receive in about 10 days. If you complete the survey by web, the survey contractor will send you a \$40 gift card after receiving the completed survey. If you complete the survey by mail or by phone, the survey contractor will send you a \$20 gift card.

About HRSA's Contractor, Mathematica Policy Research

Mathematica Policy Research <http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/> is a non-partisan research firm with headquarters in Princeton, New Jersey. Mathematica has more than 40 years of experience conducting health, welfare, and education surveys for many federal agencies, including HRSA. The firm has a well-established reputation for conducting high quality, objective research and contributing to the formation of effective state and federal policies.

Contact information for Survey

If you have questions about this survey, please contact Mathematica by phone at 1-xxx-xxx-xxxx or via email at HIVWorkforceSurvey@mathematica-mpr.com.