Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for your continuing participation in the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey. Each time you give information you make an important contribution to our understanding of the health care experiences of people in the United States.

As your interviewer mentioned at the end of your most recent interview, this year we are also asking MEPS participants who were ever diagnosed with cancer to answer some additional questions about their experiences with cancer. Several of these questions may seem familiar from earlier interviews, but the focus here is very different. The goal of this questionnaire is to learn more about the broader ways in which cancer affects the lives of patients and their families. It focuses on how cancer may affect things like employment, finances, health insurance coverage, or life in general.

Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire and mail it back in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Your answers will be important in our effort to better understand the impact cancer has on peoples’ lives. Once again, thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely,