

Home Health Study Contract
Survey of Access to Home Health Services for Medicare Beneficiaries
Pre-mailing Letter for Physicians

<Date>

<Inside Address>

Dear Dr. [Last Name],

I am writing to ask for your help with an important study being conducted for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The purpose is to learn about any access issues vulnerable Medicare beneficiaries may face when referred to home health care.

In the next few days you will receive a request to participate in this project by answering questions about your experiences in referring Medicare beneficiaries for home health services. CMS has contracted with L&M Policy Research, and their partner, Social & Scientific Systems, to gather this information to be used to inform CMS, Congress, and other policymakers as they consider changes in payment for home health services.

Your participation is very important in representing physicians who treat and refer the most vulnerable Medicare beneficiaries in need of home health services. The questionnaire should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. The staff at Social & Scientific Systems will do everything they can to make it easy for you to participate in the study.

In recognition of your effort, we will provide a \$50 honorarium with the survey packet. We thank you in advance for your help with this important study and appreciate your valuable time in providing input on problems Medicare beneficiaries may face when trying to access the home health services they need.

Sincerely,

<someone from the research team>