

Home Health Study Contract
Survey of Access to Home Health Services for Medicare Beneficiaries
Cover Letter for Physicians

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Dear Dr. [Last Name],

I am writing to ask for your help in understanding access issues vulnerable Medicare beneficiaries may face when referred to home health care. As a physician who treats and refers many of the most vulnerable beneficiaries to home health care, you are in a unique position to assist us in putting together a completed picture of these access issues.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid 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 to payments for home health services.

You can help by completing the enclosed questionnaire and returning it to Social & Scientific Systems (SSS) in the stamped return envelope provided. The questionnaire should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. Filling out this survey is voluntary. Your answers to these questions will be kept private and will not affect your status as a provider. Results of this survey will be reported only in the aggregate; your organization will not be identified in any way. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-XXX-XXXX and ask for the Study Manager, Jane Doe. The staff at SSS will do everything they can to make it easy for you to participate.

In recognition of your effort, we have included a \$50 check as an honorarium. We thank you in advance for your help in 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>