## Sample Cover Letter for Second Questionnaire Mailing

SASH Panel Survey

NAME ADDRESS CITY, STATE ZIP [PRINT SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER HERE]

Dear NAME:

The Federal government is interested in programs that seek to improve the quality of life and health of indivduals living in affordable congregate housing by providing coordinated health and supportive services in government subsidized buildings. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) and the Administration on Aging (AoA) at the Department of Human Services has contracted with non-profit research company RTI International to conduct a survey to learn more about your health and personal experiences. Recently, we sent you a copy of this survey to complete. If you have already responded, we thank you for your feedback. If you have not had time to respond or you have lost the survey, please take about 20 minutes to complete the enclosed survey now. The results of this survey will be used to improve the quality of services that Medicare beneficiaries like you receive.

All information that would let someone identify you or your family will be kept private. RTI International will not share your personal information with anyone. Your responses to this survey are also private to the extent permitted by law. Your individual answers will never be seen by your doctors or anyone else involved with your care. You may notice a number on the cover of the survey. This number is used **only** to let us know if you returned your survey so we don't have to send you reminders.

You may choose to answer this survey or not. Your decision will not affect the health care services you receive. Once you complete the survey, place it in the return envelope that was provided, seal the envelope, and mail the envelope to RTI International.

If you have any questions about this survey, please call Ellen Stutts toll free at 1-800-###-####. If you have any questions about your rights as a survey respondent, you may call RTI's Office of Research Protection toll-free at 1-866-214-2043.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Nancy McCall, RN, Sc.D. SASH Project Director RTI International

Nota: Si quiere una encuesta en español, por favor llame al (800) 247-6056.

Enclosures