

For Primary Care Provider Physicians

**STUDY INFORMATION SHEET:
IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS**

**TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:
Healthcare Professional Interviews: Prescription Drug Information Processing**

Sponsor: **The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**
Principal Investigator: **Kinsey Gimbel**
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Study Benefits:

There is no direct benefit to you. Your feedback will help us decide how information for newly promoted prescription drug products can be improved.

Incentive:

You will receive an incentive of \$150 as a token of appreciation for your participation. MedStar will issue a check to you upon completion of the interview. You will receive the incentive for your time even if you choose not to answer some questions during the interview.

Anticipated Risks:

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For Specialists

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Incentive:

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