

Attachment F.2

NHAMCS reabstraction letter



**NHAMCS
Endorsing Organizations**

American College of
Emergency Physicians
(ACEP)

American College of
Osteopathic Emergency
Physicians (ACOEP)

Emergency Nurses
Association (ENA)

Society of Academic
Emergency Medicine
(SAEM)

Society of Academic
Emergency Anesthesia
(SAMBA)

American College of
Surgeons (ACS)

American Academy of
Ophthalmology (AAO)

Thank you for your recent participation in the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS). The data you provided are critical for describing medical care provided in emergency departments (ED) in the United States. In an effort to improve the quality of our data, we would like to ask for your participation in a short follow-up study known as re-
abstraction.

As you may recall, a Census Bureau field representative (FR) abstracted the original data for our survey. For the re-
abstraction, a different FR will contact you and collect visit information on 10 patient visits per department already determined to be eligible for the survey. The FR will use the same computerized instrument for re-
abstraction as was used during the original data collection.

The re-
abstracted data will be compared directly with originally abstracted data, and will be used to identify any particular fields with low agreement. The results will be used to design supplemental training in the coming year and modify the current instructions and data collection forms.

An FR will be contacting you to discuss the process, which we hope will require only minimal effort on your part.

Again, thank you in advance for participating in NHAMCS.

Sincerely,

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