



**A Message from the U.S. Census Bureau:**

Once again, it is time to collect information for the Health Insurance Cost Study, the insurance component of the **2017 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey**. In an effort to reduce paper, we are offering you the early option of completing the survey online. **If you complete and submit your data within the next 14 days, you will not receive a paper survey packet in the mail.**

**Please go to our secure website: [econhelp.census.gov/mepsgov](http://econhelp.census.gov/mepsgov) to complete the survey.**

**Your internet survey key is:**

Use this survey key to create your unique username and password; and to access your survey.

If you need hard copies of the survey to use as a rough draft for yourself, you can go to [econhelp.census.gov/mepsgov/forms](http://econhelp.census.gov/mepsgov/forms) to obtain a blank copy of the forms.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments while completing the questionnaire, please call the Health Surveys Branch of the U.S. Census Bureau toll-free at 1-888-206-8023, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

**Thank you** in advance for your participation in this important study!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin E. Deardorff".

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