



A Message from the U.S. Census Bureau:

The U.S. Census Bureau has conducted the Health Insurance Cost Study, the insurance component of the **Medical Expenditure Panel Survey**, annually since 1996 for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Accurate measurements of the current health insurance system and realistic assessments of proposed changes to that system can only be made when organizations like yours respond.

Please visit https://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/survey_comp/Insurance.jsp to learn more about the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and how they use the data you provide.

The requested information is not subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy rules because it does not ask for any individually identifiable health information.

As requested during our initial telephone call, please contact our interviewing staff at the number below, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET).

Phone number: _____

ID #: _____

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation. Your response makes a difference.

Sincerely,

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

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