



FROM THE DIRECTOR
NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS

Over the next few months, your household will be telephoned to take part in an important new study being conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics, a part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Statistics Canada. This survey will teach us about the health of people in both the United States and Canada.

One of our interviewers will telephone your home and ask some short, easy questions about the health of you or another adult in your household. The questions include health problems and visits to health professionals. Although your participation is completely voluntary, by taking part you will be helping us to better understand the population's health care needs.

The survey will be used to provide better information for health policies and decisions that affect millions of people throughout the United States and Canada. We hope your household will participate in the survey.

Your telephone number was selected at random. This survey will take about 25 minutes to complete. This survey is a Federal program authorized by the Public Health Service Act. All of your answers will be kept in strict confidence. We will use this information only for statistical research and reports. Thank you in advance for helping.

Sincerely,

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If you have questions about the survey's background or content, please call Dr. Catherine Simile of my staff toll free at 1-866-243-2652. You can also visit our web site at www.cdc.gov/nchs/.

You may have questions about your rights as a participant in this research study. If so, please call the office of the Institutional Review Board at the National Center for Health Statistics (1-800-223-8118). Please leave a brief message with your name and phone number. Say that you are calling about NCHS protocol #2002-13. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.