

Dear Clinic Director:

On behalf of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), I am delighted to announce a new development that will benefit your program and patients, and the field of opioid treatment more generally—but only with your help.

Your clinic has already been participating in the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) survey, sent out each year to all treatment facilities. Enclosed with this package, you will find information concerning a new survey, just for opioid treatment programs (OTPs). Pending funding, the OTP Survey will come to you every three years.

I urge you to participate in the new OTP Survey, and to continue to participate in the ‘regular’ N-SSATS survey as well. The data between the two surveys is being coordinated to reduce the burden on you as much as possible.

Data from the new N-SSATS OTP Survey will provide more timely and useful information as we strive together to provide quality service to patients. Such data will be especially critical as we contend with the changing landscape presented by health reform, and new health information technology and electronic health records developments.

Mathematica Policy Research is conducting the OTP survey on behalf of SAMHSA, in conjunction with the 2011 N-SSATS survey. Information enclosed with this letter will allow you to complete the survey online, at <https://survey.nssats.com>, an easy and efficient process.

I hope you will do so, soon. If you have questions, or would prefer a paper copy of the questionnaire, please call the OTP Helpline at 1-888-324-8337. For more general questions about the survey, you may also contact Arlene Stanton, Ph.D., of SAMHSA/CSAT’s Division of Pharmacologic Therapies, at 240-276-2718 or [Arlene.stanton@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:Arlene.stanton@samhsa.hhs.gov).

As busy as you are, I assure you that the time you spend on this effort will yield a considerable benefit. Thank you in advance for your participation in our continuing effort to ensure that the patients and providers involved in opioid treatment continue to be ‘counted.’

Sincerely,



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Enclosure