

**BSC NCHS National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey
(NAMCS) Workgroup Update**

NAMCS Workgroup Background

- **Authorized by BSC NCHS at January 2020 meeting, established February 2020**
- **To provide external input to the BSC NCHS on the information needed about ambulatory health care provision in the United States and how to align NAMCS to meet those information needs.**
- **Members**
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NAMCS Workgroup Activities

- **2 Planning calls**
- **Workgroup virtual meeting with federal and non federal stakeholders scheduled for May 20, 2020 framed around 2 themes**
 - Understanding the gap between the ambulatory health care data that are needed versus what data are available
 - Aligning NAMCS to meet existing and future needs for data on the US ambulatory health care system
- **Findings and opinions from the workgroup meeting will be presented at the September 2020 BSC meeting**