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Dear Prospective Health Survey Participant:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) conducts the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) in fifteen counties annually. NHANES has been in existence since 1960 and has provided valuable information to doctors, patients, researchers, and policy-makers for over 50 years on the prevalence of major diseases, risk factors for diseases, and the relationship between nutrition and overall health of all people living in the United States. It is important that your county is included in this process.

I support this study and encourage your participation. The results of the Survey will have a significant impact on the nation and your community. What we learn from this survey will:

- Help physicians gain a better understanding of how to treat disease more effectively;
- Help local, state and federal agencies identify needs for funding disease research and health promotion; and
- Help us better educate future health care professionals.

You have the opportunity to play an important role in helping combat the health problems we all face on a daily basis. For that reason, I hope you will find the time to participate.

If you have any questions about this study or about your participation in it, please feel free to call the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) Office at 1-800-452-6115.

Sincerely,

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