



The National Survey of Residential Care Facilities (NSRCF) is the first ever federal study of residential care/assisted living communities designed to provide national information about these communities and their residents. In-person interviews will be conducted with directors and caregivers to provide information about services, staffing, and practices, and resident health, functional status, and payment sources. This information will help policy makers, health care planners, and residential care/assisted living providers better understand, plan for, and serve the future long-term care needs of the aging population. While data from this survey will be publicly available, all data will be confidential and aggregated, so that the names of the communities, respondents, and residents are not identifiable.



The study is being conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), an agency of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).



National data collection will be conducted in early 2010 following a pretest in September and October of 2008. About 2,250 communities will be selected for the national survey and 75 communities for the pretest.

The following organizations encourage your participation in this national research initiative:

American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA)

American Seniors Housing Association (ASHA)

Assisted Living Federation of America (ALFA)

National Center for Assisted Living/American Health Care Association (NCAL/AHCA)

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