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FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

To: Health Care Facilities

The United States Constitution requires that a count of the Nation's population be taken every 10 years. In 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct a census to count every person residing in the United States. The 2010 Census will provide key information that each community relies on to obtain their share of more than \$400 billion in federal and state funding distributed each year for health assistance, services for older adults, employment services, schools, and more.

During the 2010 Census, we need to include people who live or stay in group quarters, such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities (nursing homes), and in-patient hospice facilities. A Census Bureau enumerator will be contacting you to make or verify an appointment, and to gather information about the residents at your facility in order to conduct the census count.

We do not ask for any health-related information and, therefore, are in compliance with regulations issued under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 Privacy Rule. When counting the residents at your facility, we will collect each resident's name, gender, age, date of birth, race, and ethnicity. All the information the Census Bureau collects is confidential by law.

If you have any questions, please call the Local Census Office at the telephone number provided in your census materials. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Director

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