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Information Memorandum

Nursing Facility Providers

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Date: January 29, 2015
From: Nursing Facility Licensing Unit
Subject: **Reminder to Complete OSU Survey – Data Needed for Legislative Report**

Summary: Most facilities have not completed the OSU online survey; this confidential information is used to prepare a report for the legislature that is an important reference for long-term care financing decisions. If you are experiencing technical difficulties, please see contacts below for assistance. Survey completion is urgently needed.

The purpose for this reminder is to encourage survey completion. Fewer than 20% of nursing facilities have completed the survey. We need at least 70% of facilities to complete the survey so that we can report accurate industry-level information to the legislature.

OSU welcomes questions and can assist facilities with survey links, including returning to a partially completed survey. Please contact Carla Alvarado at 541-737-1281 or nursingfacilitysurvey2014@oregonstate.edu if you need help with accessing or completing the survey.

Professional trade associations are encouraging all of their members to participate in this very important survey.

The original January 12th deadline for completing the survey has been extended to **January 31st**. If your facility plans to complete the survey but cannot meet this new deadline, please contact OSU to inform them when you will be able to do so.

Background:

The Department of Human Services has contracted with Oregon State University to conduct a newly revised resident occupancy and characteristics survey. Providers may recall the former Nursing Facility (NF) Resident Occupancy survey conducted by the Office of Health Policy & Research (OHPR). The new survey is based on the OHPR outline and will gather data regarding Oregonians receiving care and services in licensed post-acute care and nursing facilities. Survey data will be used to prepare a report for the legislature; the report will inform decisions about financing and delivery of long-term care services in Oregon. Administrators received email December 10, 2014 with a link to the survey. Survey participation is voluntary, confidential and encouraged; facility-specific information will not be identifiable in the report.

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