



Music Plays. Photo montage of home health aides appears.
National Home Health Aide Survey logo appears.

Welcome



Welcome to the National Home Health Aide Survey, an important new survey sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services.



This is the first national survey of home health aides in this country and is part of the National Home and Hospice Care Survey, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics.

National Home and Hospice Care Survey

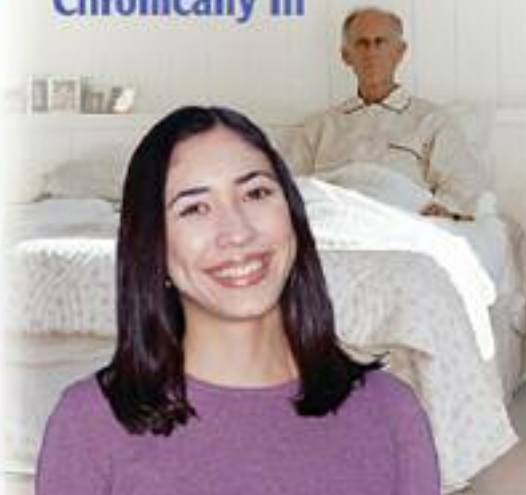


You were selected for this survey because your agency is one of the 1,500 home health and hospice agencies participating in the National Home and Hospice Care Survey.



You and other home health aides from your agency were selected at random along with 6,000 other home health aides around the country to be part of the National Home Health Aide Survey.

**2.2 Million Elderly,
Disabled, and
Chronically Ill**



**10,000 Home Health and
Hospice Care Agencies**

Home health aides provide care and support to more than 2.2 million elderly, disabled, and chronically ill people receiving care from about 10,000 home and hospice care agencies across the U.S.



Together, these two surveys will provide critical information on the country's home health aides.



The work of a home health aide is physically demanding and at times it can be difficult and stressful for other reasons.



Today, there is a growing shortage of home health aides to care for the increasing number of home health and hospice patients.



We need to keep experienced, dedicated home health aides, like you, and attract new home health aides for the future.



**This is why
we need your help.**



This is why we need your help. . . By taking part in this survey and sharing your experiences with us, you and other home health aides that participate will help provide a better understanding of:



- **What it's like to be a home health aide,**
- **Ways to improve how your work is done,**
- **How to keep experienced people working in this important health care field, and**
- **Ways to encourage others to become home health aides.**

- What it's like to be a home health aide,
- Ways to improve how your work is done,
- How to keep experienced people working in this important health care field, and
- Ways to encourage others to become home health aides.



The interview will be done by telephone. You can do it before or after work and at a time that is convenient for you. The interview will include questions about your:



- Training,
- Supervision,
- Job history,
- Work setting,
- Wages,
- Education,
- Benefits, and
- Family life.

- Training,
- Supervision,
- Job history,
- Work setting,
- Wages,
- Education
- Benefits, and
- Family life.



How did you learn about being a home health aide as a possible job?

You will be asked questions like:

“How did you learn about being a home health aide
as a possible job?”



Would you prefer to work more or fewer hours on this job or is the amount of hours you work about right?

“Would you prefer to work more or fewer hours on this job, or is the amount of hours you work about right?”



**Is caring for others a reason
why you continue to work
in your current job?**

“Is caring for others a reason why you continue to work in your current job?”



Does your current employer offer you paid sick leave?

“Does your current employer offer you paid sick leave?”



By answering questions like these, we can hear – directly from you – about your field of work and your experiences in this field.



Home health aides are the only reliable source of this information so your participation is very important to the success of this survey.



Best time of day and day of the week to reach you: _____

To be part of the National Home Health Aide Survey, please return this card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

YES, I want to be part of the NHHAS and receive \$30.

NO, I do not want to be part of the NHHAS.

Send me the NHHAS report plus 1% rebate.

Please print:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

NHHAS ID #: **99005002**

For questions, call toll-free 1-888-250-1425.

To participate in this important new survey, please complete the enclosed postcard and return it in the postage-paid return envelope today.



toll-free

1-888-290-1125

After we hear from you, an interviewer will call you to conduct the telephone interview.

You can also call us toll-free at 1-888-290-1125 to schedule a convenient time to do the interview.



When you call this number, give the telephone interviewer the ID number on your postcard. We use that number instead of your name to help maintain your privacy.



 National
Home
Health
Aide
Survey

Because we cannot interview every home health aide throughout the country, your views represent not only your experiences, but those of other home health aides like you.



Federal law and the Public Health Service Act guarantee that all of the information that you tell us will be kept private. No information will be given to your supervisor or the agency where you work.



Your answers will be combined with those of many other home health aides and will only be released in summary form in tables and reports. . . These tables and reports will not contain any personal information that identifies you or the agency where you work.



Let us know if you would like to receive a copy of the survey report by checking the box on the postcard.



Your time and what you have to tell us is very important. . .
As a thank you for taking the time to review the information
about the survey in this packet, we enclosed \$5.



After the telephone interview, we will mail you a \$30 check as a token of appreciation for your time and for the valuable information you provided.



1-888-290-1125



Please call us toll-free if you have any questions about the survey. One of our telephone interviewers will answer your questions. The toll-free number is 1-888-290-1125.

Thank You!



Thank you for taking the time to learn about this important survey.

Help us include your experiences in this project.

Please call us or return your postcard today and be part of the National Home Health Aide Survey!