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SUBJECT: Continued Participation in the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey

In cooperation with the National Center for Health Statistics and several national healthcare organizations, the American Osteopathic Association has renewed its endorsement of the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). This survey is the only national survey of patient visits made to private, office-based, non-Federal physicians in the United States and the results are used in making health policy decisions for our nation.

In the past, the information gathered by the NAMCS has offered several benefits to osteopathic physicians. The NAMCS is a major source of information about the number of office visits physicians provide and the services provided in those visits. It provides information about practice characteristics including the type and size of the practice, and the use of electronic medical records. The data have served as a source of information for planning and organizing health services, as a tool for assessing health facility and staffing requirements, and as an opportunity to study epidemiologic issues. We are confident that the methodology is sound and that you will find the results both relevant and useful for everyday practice.

Thank you for taking time and effort to support this worthwhile survey by providing the NAMCS with the information requested.