

Dear Practitioners in Primary Care, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Dentistry:

The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) greatly values your opinion as a healthcare professional and is pleased to invite your practice to complete an important online survey. You may have recently received mailers from Dr. Virginia Pressler, Director of the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH), encouraging you to participate in this important health survey. The data is gathered to gain a clearer understanding of provider needs, so that DOH is able to enhance support to providers across the state and promote better health outcomes for the people of Hawai'i.

By participating in this survey, your practice will:

- . Have the opportunity to identify provider training needs
- . Receive information about DOH programs that may be of interest to your practice and patient community
- . Be part of an ongoing, statewide effort to identify barriers and gaps in care.
- . Qualify for a \$50 discount towards your participation in a qualifying future DOH-cosponsored event

The survey should take no more than 15 to 20 minutes to complete. Survey responses are confidential and will be compiled into a public report of all data collected; answers will not be matched to you or your facility. Neither you, nor anyone in your practice, will be identified in survey reports.

To assist with this survey, DOH has contracted with SMS Research, an independent, external survey company based in Honolulu. SMS will be facilitating DOH's efforts to reach as many selected providers as possible. You may receive additional mail or phone calls from them as they follow up with survey participants.

To access the password-protected survey, please visit this link:

http://tinyurl.com/HawaiiDocSurvey

Please enter the following password: **Provider2** 

If you have any questions about the survey, please call SMS toll-free at <u>1-888-502-7377</u>. If you have questions for DOH, please contact Ms. Amber Bowie at <u>808-586-5446</u> or by email at <u>amber.bowie@doh.hawaii.gov</u>. You may also email me at <u>ranjani.starr@doh.hawaii.gov</u>.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

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