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Dear Director of Mental Health Program(s):

In early May, you will receive a packet from Mathematica Policy Research, Princeton, NJ regarding the **2018 National Mental Health Services Survey (N-MHSS)**. This voluntary survey is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The 2018 N-MHSS will collect data from all specialty mental health treatment facilities in the United States and its territories. Your participation in the N-MHSS is critical to its success, and to ensure that mental health treatment services in your area are accurately represented.

**Important information about the 2018 N-MHSS:**

- **Many** questions are prefilled if you completed the 2017 N-MHSS
- If eligible, your facility can choose to be listed, at no cost, in the online treatment locator (<https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>)
- Standard client count information will be collected
- You can preview the questionnaire at <https://info.nmhss.org>

The packet to arrive in early May will include instructions for completing the survey questionnaire on the Internet through a secure password-protected website. If your facility no longer provides mental health treatment services or you have any questions about the survey, please call the N-MHSS helpline at **1-866-778-9752**.

We look forward to your participation in the 2018 N-MHSS!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Herman A. Alvarado".

Herman A. Alvarado  
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**Note:** *If your organization offers treatment services at more than one location, you may receive a duplicate letter for another facility at another location. The N-MHSS is designed to collect information about a single facility at a single location, that is, the facility whose name and address is indicated on the envelope.*