



**NPALS**<sup>TM</sup>  
National Post-acute and Long-term Care Study

# Direct Care Worker Pilot Study

To participate call 866-214-2047

## What is the Direct Care Worker Pilot Study?

The Direct Care Worker (DCW) Pilot Study will determine the feasibility of conducting a national survey in the future.

CDC's National Center for Health Statistics is conducting the pilot study. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is sponsoring it.

About 300 direct care workers will be chosen for the DCW Pilot Study from residential care communities, adult day services center, and nursing homes across the country.

DCWs such as certified nursing assistants, nursing assistants, home health aides, home care aides, personal care aides, personal care assistants, and medication technicians or medication aides are included.

## What is the purpose of the DCW Pilot?

- To test sampling protocols, questionnaires, and contact procedures.
- To see the feasibility of conducting a national DCW survey within NPALS.

## Why was I chosen for this pilot?

You were chosen as one of the direct care workers who work in a residential care community, adult day services center, or nursing home.

You are one of about 759,900 direct care workers who provide care to 2,491,000 million services users at more than 51,200 of these facilities in the United States.

## What do I have to do if I agree to be part of the DCW Pilot Study?

Submit the enclosed questionnaire by mail or web.

The 30-minute questionnaire includes questions about your

- **Training**
- **Job history**
- **Work setting**
- **Wages**
- **Benefits**
- **Family life**

## How confidential is the information I give you?

The information you give is kept private by Federal law. No information will be given to your supervisor or facility.

Your answers will be grouped with answers given by other direct care workers who work for other residential care communities, adult day services center, and nursing homes in the United States.

## What if I am uncomfortable answering any questions?

Your participation is voluntary, and you can stop at any time or not answer any questions that make you feel uncomfortable.

## Be part of the DCW Pilot Study!

You will receive [\$45/\$75] as a token of thanks for participation.

**For more information:**

DCW Pilot web site:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/npals/index.htm>

DCW Pilot toll-free number:

866-214-2047