

Introductory Email

Subj: Invitation from CMS to Participate in Critical Incident Management Survey (CIMS)

Body:

Hello State Medicaid Directors and 1915(c) Waiver Staff,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is requesting your assistance in completing a survey regarding incident management systems used for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) **by [XX Date]**. This Critical Incident Management Survey (CIMS) is similar to a version of the survey CMS requested states complete in July 2019. CMS developed this survey to be shorter and more targeted than the 2019 version.

The purpose of this survey is to help identify best practices that states have adopted in identifying and reporting incidents, responding to reported incidents, collecting information, training individuals involved in incident management, and employing tactics to prevent incidents. CMS will use information from the CIMS to evaluate states' progress in incident management over the past four years as well as to inform the provision of future training activities and technical assistance. Analysis with state-identifying information will not be publicly released.

We request that states complete a unique survey for each incident management system operated in the state. This may mean a unique survey for each HCBS waiver, unless the underlying incident management process are aligned across waivers or the same individual completing the survey is responsible for multiple waivers. In these cases, you have an opportunity to indicate such in the survey and complete one survey for multiple waivers.

In light of this request, please note that as you distribute the survey for completion, respondents completing the survey should be knowledgeable about their waiver program's incident management system, including information about the system's functionalities, reporting and incident resolution procedures, education/training initiatives, and strategies to improve quality, increase collaboration, prevent future occurrences, and mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse.

Contents of this email

In this email, you will find two items:

1. Web-link to fill out the survey: [[CMS-CIMS-H&W-Survey](#)]
2. PDF document with instructions and the full list of survey questions.

Please note that states may only submit responses via the web-based link. The PDF is included for reference purposes only and includes instructions and FAQs for completing the survey.

Tips before you take the survey

It may be helpful to familiarize yourself with the questions in the PDF document before you start the web-based survey. However, the web-based survey contains survey logic that is not reflected in the PDF. Accordingly, some questions in the PDF may not appear in the web-based survey depending on your responses to previous questions. Please note that it is critical that you respond to all questions presented to you in the web-based survey, therefore if you find that

the question does not apply to you, please enter/select "N/A" or the equivalent in the web-based link, if applicable.

The total anticipated completion time for the survey is about [60-90 minutes].

We are requesting that states complete the survey no later than [XX Date].

Should you have any questions or requests for clarification regarding this survey, please email HCBSCIMSurvey@guidedhouse.com

CMS will be hosting a webinar a Kickoff/Q&A Webinar on [XX Date] to walk through the survey, provide tips for completion, and address any questions. You will receive a calendar invitation for this event tomorrow.

Thank you for your prompt attention and time addressing this request.

Thank you,

CMS Critical Incident Management Survey (CIMS) Team

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