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Subject: Update on the Evaluation of the Title III-C Elderly Nutrition Services Program

Hello all:

I am writing to encourage you to participate in, the National Evaluation of Older Americans Act Title III-C Elderly Nutrition Services Program (ENSP). The evaluation, funded by the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging, will examine how well the program helps to keep older Americans healthy and living independently in their communities. Overall, the evaluation will look at how the nutrition programs operate the cost for meals provided using different approaches and the effect on meal recipients. As staff of a State Unit on Aging, you will be asked about your organizational structure, staffing, policies for consumer self-direction, performance measurement, and food safety, program monitoring activities, assessment of consumer need, and how nutrition services are integrated into your State plan. This information, when combined with other information provided by AAAs, local service providers, and actual and potential meal recipients will allow ACL to develop well-rounded picture of the nutrition program.

Mathematica Policy Research, an independent research company, will contact you in early January to ask for your help with this evaluation. They will work with you to:

1. Complete the survey,
2. Set up contacts with AAAs in your State who will be asked to respond to separate survey about their nutrition programs and providers.

ACI developed a video describing the role of SUAs in this evaluation that you might find helpful. You can view it at [The Role of SUAs in the Evaluation of the Elderly Nutrition Services Program \(ENSP\)](#)

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important research. We need everyone's help to truly measure the value of the Title III-C Elderly Nutrition Services Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

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