

**The Tennessee Department of health requests participation in the 2024 Survey of Primary Care.**

The State Office of Rural Health is needing input from Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Advanced Practice Nurses practicing in the specialties of Family Practice, General Practice, Pediatrics, General Internal Medicine, Public Health, Gynecology, Obstetrics, and Obstetrics/Gynecology in an outpatient setting. Each survey takes less than five minutes, but the data collected will help determine shortage areas for the next year. For this reason, we are contacting you to request filling out the survey for (PROVIDER), which can be found at this link: (LINK).

To answer a couple of obvious questions:

**Is this for real?**

Yes, this is real. If you suspect a scam, look up the Tennessee Department of Health online. You can find contact information for us under the Division of Health Disparities Elimination.

**What do you plan to do with the information?**

The Annual Primary Care Health Providers Survey is being conducted statewide and will be used to identify underserved communities and designate federal Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) for primary care providers. Information collected from this census allows qualifying counties to participate in workforce development programs that support primary care physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants who practice in underserved areas. These programs include the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), Tennessee State Loan Repayment Program (TSLRP) and the J1-Visa Waiver program. In addition, the survey results provide information that assists in important policy and planning decisions that improve the availability of primary care throughout the state.

**We are not a primary care clinic; we provide Urgent Care.**

This is why we define primary care by the specialties of the provider, and not by their service site. In Tennessee, quite a number of people use Urgent Care clinics as their primary care, which are staffed primarily with providers in the specialties of Family Practice, General Practice, or General Internal Medicine.

**Why have I gotten so many emails?**

We apologize if we are “spamming” your email. Each provider we email to has a specific link. By using the link in this email, you make it easier for us to record each response, removing the need to request again. However, if you have qualifying personnel that we haven’t e-mailed to, use this link:

<https://redcap.link/2024pcsurvey>.