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Dear Hospital Administrator:

It is the time of year where the South Dakota State Office of Rural Health (SD ORH) and the Office of Health Statistics (SD OHS) ask the support of South Dakota hospitals to update information about your institution and complete the annual American Hospital Association (AHA) Survey. For those hospitals that are Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), the SD ORH uses the information provided to:

- Determine which CAHs will receive Medicare Enhanced Reimbursement from the Department of Social Services
- Monitor trends, market share analysis, and financials for use in Federal grant applications

Entering the data online allows you to:

- Receive real-time reports, enabling you to confirm the accuracy of your entry before submission and provide you with valuable benchmarks and analysis tools.
- Review market share data; where are the residents in your area receiving their health care needs.
- Give access to the online survey to multiple users within your hospital.
- Provide historical reference data as well as instant data verification as information is entered.

The materials needed to complete the survey are included as attachments in this email. Please refer to the attached document "2016 Walk Through" for survey link and instructions. Your hospital login and password is:

Thank you in advance for your support and participation in the 2016 AHA Survey.

Sincerely,



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