

Colorado LPNs focus of important survey

The Colorado Health Institute (CHI) is conducting a survey of licensed practical nurses in the state. If you're one of the approximately 2,500 LPNs to receive the survey in the mail in late November, please respond!

The survey is part of CHI's Health Professions Database project and is designed to identify the most relevant workforce policy issues facing LPNs and the policy options associated with those issues. A good response rate will ensure that this random sample survey accurately represents Colorado's LPNs.

Survey questions deal with the following areas:

- Optimal role of LPNs in today's health care delivery system;
- LPNs' preparedness for their first LPN position;
- LPNs who were previously CNAs;
- Retention of LPNs in the health care workforce;
- LPNs' perception of their work environments, including satisfaction with their work; and
- LPNs' health insurance status.

CHI hopes to publish survey results during the 2008 legislative session.

CHI is an independent, nonprofit health information organization created to serve as a comprehensive source of health data resources and objective policy analysis. Part of CHI's mission is to identify and, in collaboration with others, fill data gaps to further informed policymaking. With funding from The Colorado Trust, CHI is establishing a health professions workforce database of licensed health professionals who provide primary care services in Colorado. For more information, please see <http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/workforce/index.aspx>.