



Dear Director,

On behalf of the National Core Indicators® (NCI-IDD) project, NASDDDS, Advancing States and Human Services Research Institute are pleased to announce that beginning July 1, 2026, the NCI-IDD State of the Workforce (SoTW) survey and the NCI-AD SoTW survey are being consolidated into a single cross-population workforce survey that will be used by both Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Aging/Physical Disability state systems.

This enhanced approach reflects the need for coordinated workforce data across long-term services and supports (LTSS) systems and will help streamline data collection for states and providers alike. As CMS recently reaffirmed, states will be required to report on payment adequacy reporting. This tool will not only meet those needs but will also serve as an important data source for program integrity monitoring.

The annual membership fee for participation in the NCI SoTW Survey will be \$30,000 per state. Because this is a cross-population tool, states are encouraged to share the cost across IDD and Aging/Physical Disability systems/agencies. NASDDDS members may wish to reach out to their sister state agencies serving people who are aging or who have physical disabilities to explore and encourage joint participation and shared funding. In addition, given that this information is essential to Access regulation implementation and for the proper and efficient administration of Medicaid, states should be able to access Medicaid administrative claiming for membership cost. Please contact us if you would like technical assistance on this front.

We value your continued participation and are here to answer any questions you may have. We will be holding office hours soon to assist you with inquiries and provide materials to support your efforts.

We look forward to sharing additional information as this work progresses and appreciate your continued partnership in strengthening workforce data for long-term services and supports systems.

NEW!

- **A single cross population SOTW tool beginning FY 2026-2027**
- **Supports the need for coordinated LTSS workforce data**
- **Addresses new Access Rule payment adequacy reporting requirements**
- **Provides efficiency and a low-cost option for states – no need to build or maintain state specific electronic systems for reporting**
- **Reduces provider burden when serving cross-population programs**
- **Enables IDD and AD state agencies to share the cost of the \$30,000 per state annual membership**