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Hello Nebraska Hearing Society Members! At the last International Hearing Society meeting in Reno, Nevada IHS introduced the Veteran's Access to Hearing Healthcare Case History Survey.

This document can now be found on our website and printed off as needed. It is designed for veterans who have had unusually long waiting periods or long travel concerns for hearing related appointments, testing, repairs, or to be fit with their new VA hearing aids.

IHS is requesting a brief description of their particular case along with their signature before you return to them at the address provided.

What IHS is hoping to accomplish is to go before congress with a bill allowing veterans to have their hearing healthcare concerns addressed by any individual in their state properly licensed to do so.

Hopefully this bill they are thinking of proposing would allow licensed dispensers and licensed dispensing audiologists to see and assist veterans all over the state, not just at VA facilities.

I will help with all I know but any detailed questions should be directed to [\(See Below\)](#) at IHS. If you are in favor of this idea and would like to see veterans at your office with federal reimbursement please print the survey, fill out for your veterans, have them sign and return to IHS. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Please contact Scott George or
Larry Farris.

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NHS President

**INTERNATIONAL HEARING SOCIETY
VETERANS' ACCESS TO HEARING HEALTHCARE
CASE HISTORY SURVEY**

This survey is to gather actual case histories of veterans who are suffering from long delays in access to hearing healthcare. Data derived from this survey along with the results will be used to assess improved access to hearing healthcare for our nation's veterans.

Veteran's Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Description of situation:

HIPAA WAIVER

The Federal Privacy regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) protects the privacy of medical information. I understand that by providing the information contained herein to the International Hearing Society that I am waiving my right to privacy regarding this information. I also understand that any disclosure of information carries with it the potential for redisclosure and that once disclosed to the International Hearing Society, the information will not be protected by Federal or state confidentiality rules.

Veteran's signature: _____ Date: _____

Return completed form to:

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