The National Commission on Correctional Health Care has partnered with researchers at Harvard University to learn about the effects of health care accreditation in jails. We all know that health care problems don’t disappear behind bars. Even in the best of times, providing health care to inmates is challenging despite having a disproportionate number of people with serious chronic health issues.

NCCHC’s accreditation program is dedicated to improving the quality of correctional health care services and helping jails provide effective and efficient care. This study will assess the impact of accreditation on jails’ health care systems and how accreditation affects the care of the incarcerated. The NCCHC Standards for Health Services in Jails will be utilized as the basis for assessing proper management of care services.

NCCHC and researchers at Harvard University are working with jails that have an ADP of 500-3,000 inmates.

Participation involves:
- Commitment to complete surveys about facility characteristics and effects of accreditation process on health care system
- 2-3 virtual and/or on-site visits by the study team

Facilities receive:
- $500 award for each on-site visit
- Reduced fee if become accredited during study
- Confidential facility assessment of health care delivery system

Benefits of participating:
- Become accredited at a reduced fee
- Improve health care processes
- Improve inmate health
- Limit occurrence of adverse events
- Reduce lawsuits related to inmate health care

Please respond by February 1, 2021. For more information, contact accreditstudy@hks.harvard.edu