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This file contains information about the respondents' use of all types of medical services and about their usual source of medical care. This file also contains the sample people's assessment of the quality of the medical care that they receive.

RIC	1	2				C Record Identification Code
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BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT			C Unique SP Identification Number
				14,732		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
ERVISIT	12	2	YES1FMT	AC1		N Since refer date did SP go ER for care?
				9,850		. Inapplicable
				11		-8 Don't know
				1,218		1 Yes
				3,653		2 No

Note: Applies only to initial interviews of SPs in new panels

D_ERTIME	14	4	MINFMT	AC6a		N Minutes wait at ER
				10,747		. Inapplicable
				16		-9 Not ascertained
				344		-8 Don't know
				1		-7 Refused
				2,970		0-60 up to 1 hour
				265		61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				140		121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				93		181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				44		241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				44		301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				25		361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				24		421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				19		More than 8 hrs

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ERADMT	18	2	YES1FMT	AC7		N Was SP admitted to hospital from ER?
				13,514		. Inapplicable
				3		-8 Don't know
				1		-7 Refused
				546		1 Yes
				668		2 No

Note: Applies to initial interviews of new panel SPs where ERVISIT = 1

OPDVISIT	20	2	YES1FMT	AC8		N Since reference date did SP go to OPD?
				9,850		. Inapplicable
				26		-8 Don't know
				1,533		1 Yes
				3,323		2 No

Note: Applies only to initial interviews of SPs in new panels

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OPDMCOND	22	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - medical condition
				8,844			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				319			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,384			1 Indicated
				3,180			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDTESTS	24	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - tests
				8,844			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				319			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				3,277			1 Indicated
				2,286			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDFOLUP	26	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - follow-up
				8,844			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				319			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				534			1 Indicated
				5,029			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDCHKUP	28	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - checkup
				8,844			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				319			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				503			1 Indicated
				5,060			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDRFRL	30	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - referral
				8,844			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				319			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				32			1 Indicated
				5,531			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			

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Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview

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OPDSCOND	42	2	YES1FMT		AC10		N Was visit to OPD for specific condition?
				13,942			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				539			1 Yes
				243			2 No

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OPDAPPT	44	2	APPTFMT		AC12		N Was OPD visit by appointment or walk-in
				8,846			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				312			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				4,516			1 Appointment
				1,054			2 Walked in

Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or contuing SP had OPD visit since last interview

OPDDRTEL	46	2	TOLDFMT		AC13		N Did someone in OPD tell SP to come back?
				10,216			. Inapplicable
				56			-8 Don't know
				2,934			1 Told to come back during a prior visit
				1,526			2 Called for an appointment

Note: Applies only if OPDAPPT = 1

D_OPAPPT	48	4	DAYFMT		AC14		N Days - SP waited for OPD appointment
				13,206			. Inapplicable
				93			-8 Don't know
				189			0 Didn't have wait
				396			1-3 1 to 3 days
				134			4-6 4 to 6 days
				281			7-9 7 to 9 days
				21			10-12 10 to 12 days
				206			13-15 13 to 15 days
				1			16-18 16 to 18 days
				89			19-21 19 to 21 days
				116			over 3 weeks

Notes: Applies only if OPDDRTEL = 2
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D_OPTIME	52	4	MINFMT		AC16a		N Minutes wait at OP
				8,846			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				538			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				5,029			0-60 up to 1 hour
				188			61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				65			121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				29			181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				15			241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				8			301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				4			361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				2			421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				3			More than 8 hrs

Notes: Inapplicable if OPDAPPT = .
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NHRESEVR	56	2	YES1FMT		AC17		N Ever been resident/patient in nurs home
				9,850			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				292			1 Yes
				4,589			2 No

Note: Applies only to initial interviews of SPs in new panels

NHLRESYY	58	4	YRFMT		AC18		N Yr last resident/patient in nursing home
				14,440			. Inapplicable
				9			-8 Don't know
				283			Four-digit year

Note: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

NHLRESMM	62	2	MONTHFMT		AC18		N Mo last resident/patient in nursing home
				14,440			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				56			-8 Don't know
				0			-5 Never ask again
				13			1 January
				25			2 February
				20			3 March
				20			4 April
				21			5 May
				18			6 June
				23			7 July
				26			8 August
				19			9 September
				21			10 October
				15			11 November
				14			12 December

Note: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

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MDVISIT	64	2	YES1FMT		AC19		N Since reference date has SP seen med Dr
				9,850			. Inapplicable
				9			-8 Don't know
				4,184			1 Yes
				689			2 No

Note: Applies only to initial interviews of SPs in new panels

MDSPCLTY	66	2	SPCLFMT		AC20		N MD spec., excl in home/hosp--most recent
				1,338			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				354			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				39			1 Allergy & Immunology
				13			2 Anesthesiology
				791			3 Cardiology (heart)
				362			5 Dermatology (skin)
				0			6 Emergency Room physician
				122			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				1,942			8 Family practice
				162			9 Gastroenterology
				3,908			10 General practice
				131			11 General surgery
				64			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				170			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				44			14 Hematology (blood)
				7			15 Hospital residence
				1,978			16 Internal medicine
				129			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				267			18 Neurology
				5			19 Nuclear Medicine
				251			20 Oncology
				795			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				428			22 Orthopaedics
				105			24 Osteopathy
				135			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				12			26 Pathology
				14			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				26			28 Plastic surgery
				15			29 Proctology
				240			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				159			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				22			32 Radiology
				129			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				8			34 Thoracic Surgery
				338			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				0			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				0			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				227			91 Other medical specialty

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Note: Applies only if MDAPPT = 1

Notes: Applies only if MDDRTEL = 2
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Notes: Inapplicable if MDAPPT = .
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Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1
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HCTHIGH	106	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: cost too high
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				226			1 Indicated
				489			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
HCTNOCOV	108	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: svc/supp not covered
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				183			1 Indicated
				532			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
HCTTRANS	110	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: need transportation
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				96			1 Indicated
				619			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
HCTHOMEH	112	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: home death care
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				32			1 Indicated
				683			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
HCTNTREA	114	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: Dr won't treat
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				57			1 Indicated
				658			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
HCTWAIT	116	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: Dr too busy
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				68			1 Indicated
				647			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			

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HCTACPMC	118	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: Dr wont accept Mcare
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				44			1 Indicated
				671			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
HCTELIG	120	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: inelig for pub cov
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				39			1 Indicated
				676			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
HCTDELAY	122	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: delay bc SP on Mcare
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				57			1 Indicated
				658			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
HCTSPECL	124	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: specialist referral
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				20			1 Indicated
				695			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
HCTHMORF	126	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: HMO referral dfficlt
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				21			1 Indicated
				694			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
HCTHMOMD	128	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: HMO Drs not good
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				43			1 Indicated
				672			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			

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HCTHMOCV	130	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: HMO would'nt cover
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				34			1 Indicated
				681			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
HCTOTHER	132	2	IND1FMT		AC30a		N Troub getting care: Other
				14,016			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				105			1 Indicated
				610			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 First available in 2002			
CGETAPPT	134	2	YES1FMT		AC30b		N SP told by Dr office couldn't sched appt
				14,107			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				87			1 Yes
				531			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HCTACPMC /= 1 & HCTDELAY /= 1 First available in 2002			
CGETINSR	136	2	IND1FMT		AC30c		N Dr doesn't accept insurance plan
				14,645			. Inapplicable
				7			1 Indicated
				80			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if CGETAPPT = 1 First available in 2002			
CGETFULL	138	2	IND1FMT		AC30c		N No appointments were open
				14,645			. Inapplicable
				20			1 Indicated
				67			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if CGETAPPT = 1 First available in 2002			
CGETNNEW	140	2	IND1FMT		AC30c		N Dr doesn't accept new patients
				14,645			. Inapplicable
				14			1 Indicated
				73			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if CGETAPPT = 1 First available in 2002			

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CGETNNMP	142	2	IND1FMT		AC30c		N Dr doesn't accept new Medicare patients
				14,645			. Inapplicable
				9			1 Indicated
				78			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if CGETAPPT = 1 First available in 2002			
CGETHOUR	144	2	IND1FMT		AC30c		N Dr's office hours conflicted w/ SP sched
				14,645			. Inapplicable
				2			1 Indicated
				85			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if CGETAPPT = 1 First available in 2002			
CGETCAID	146	2	IND1FMT		AC30c		N Dr doesn't accept Medicaid
				14,645			. Inapplicable
				9			1 Indicated
				78			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if CGETAPPT = 1 First available in 2002			
CGETNAMC	148	2	IND1FMT		AC30c		N Dr doesn't accept any Medicare patients
				14,645			. Inapplicable
				5			1 Indicated
				82			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if CGETAPPT = 1 First available in 2002			
CGETNAMA	150	2	IND1FMT		AC30c		N Dr doesn't accept Medicare assignment
				14,645			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Indicated
				83			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if CGETAPPT = 1 First available in 2002			
CGETAPRV	152	2	IND1FMT		AC30c		N Dr felt other provider would be better
				14,645			. Inapplicable
				7			1 Indicated
				80			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if CGETAPPT = 1 First available in 2002			
CGETOTHR	154	2	IND1FMT		AC30c		N Other reason for not scheduling Dr appt
				14,645			. Inapplicable
				23			1 Indicated
				64			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if CGETAPPT = 1 First available in 2002			

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OFFEXPLN	156	2	YES1FMT		AC30d		N Dr's office explained difficulty w/Mcare
				14,626			. Inapplicable
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				23			1 Yes
				72			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if CGETNNMP = 1 or CGETNAMC = 1			
				First available in 2002			
OFFEXVB1	158	45			AC30e		C Why Mcare not accepted -- verbatim #1
				Notes: Applies only if OFFEXPLN = 1			
				First available in 2002			
OFFEXVB2	203	45			AC30e		C Why Mcare not accepted -- verbatim #2
				Notes: Applies only if OFFEXPLN = 1 & SP gave more than one reason			
				First available in 2002			
OFFEXVC1	248	2	WHYNOMED		AC30e		N Why Dr's office doesn't accept Mcare #1
				14,709			. Inapplicable
				2			1 Medicare doesn't pay enough
				5			2 Doctor has too many patients
				1			3 Medicare requires too much paperwork
				7			4 Medicare/Medicaid patients not accepted
				2			5 Services are not covered
				1			6 Cost too high for SP
				5			91 Other reason
				0			95 Unable to code
				Notes: Applies if OFFEXPLN = 1			
				First available in 2003			
OFFEXVC2	250	2	WHYNOMED		AC30e		N Why Dr's office doesn't accept Mcare #2
				14,727			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Medicare doesn't pay enough
				1			2 Doctor has too many patients
				0			3 Medicare requires too much paperwork
				1			4 Medicare/Medicaid patients not accepted
				1			5 Services are not covered
				1			6 Cost too high for SP
				1			91 Other reason
				0			95 Unable to code
				Notes: Applies if OFFEXPLN = 1 and there is more than one reason			
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OFFEXVC3	252	2	WHYNOMED		AC30e		N Why Dr's office doesn't accept Mcare #3
				14,732			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Medicare doesn't pay enough
				0			2 Doctor has too many patients
				0			3 Medicare requires too much paperwork
				0			4 Medicare/Medicaid patients not accepted
				0			5 Services are not covered
				0			6 Cost too high for SP
				0			91 Other reason
				0			95 Unable to code
Notes: Applies if OFFEXPLN = 1 and there are more than two reasons First available in 2003							
HCDELAY	408	2	YES2FMT		AC31		N Last year did SP delay care due to cost?
				14			-8 Don't know
				29			-7 Refused
				1,236			1 Yes
				13,453			2 No
MCQUALTY	410	2	SAT2FMT		SC1		N Satis w/ qual of med care rec'd last yr
				33			-8 Don't know
				37			-7 Refused
				4,819			1 Very satisfied
				8,916			2 Satisfied
				434			3 Dissatisfied
				97			4 Very dissatisfied
				396			5 No experience
MCAVAIL	412	2	SAT2FMT		SC2		N Satis w/ avail med care night & weekends
				122			-8 Don't know
				42			-7 Refused
				1,660			1 Very satisfied
				6,132			2 Satisfied
				487			3 Dissatisfied
				163			4 Very dissatisfied
				6,126			5 No experience
MCEASE	414	2	SAT2FMT		SC3		N Ease of get to Dr from where SP lives
				38			-8 Don't know
				45			-7 Refused
				3,372			1 Very satisfied
				10,140			2 Satisfied
				683			3 Dissatisfied
				138			4 Very dissatisfied
				316			5 No experience
MCCOSTS	416	2	SAT2FMT		SC4		N Satis w/ OOP costs for medical services
				81			-8 Don't know
				42			-7 Refused
				2,958			1 Very satisfied
				9,070			2 Satisfied
				1,653			3 Dissatisfied
				523			4 Very dissatisfied
				405			5 No experience

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MCINFO	418	2	SAT2FMT		SC5		N Satis w/ info abt what was wrong w/ you
				64			-8 Don't know
				44			-7 Refused
				2,957			1 Very satisfied
				10,426			2 Satisfied
				663			3 Dissatisfied
				101			4 Very dissatisfied
				477			5 No experience
MCFOLUP	420	2	SAT2FMT		SC6		N Satis w/ folowup care after inital treat
				53			-8 Don't know
				45			-7 Refused
				3,120			1 Very satisfied
				9,521			2 Satisfied
				358			3 Dissatisfied
				87			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,548			5 No experience
MCCONCRN	422	2	SAT2FMT		SC7		N Satis w/ Dr's concern for overall health
				123			-8 Don't know
				44			-7 Refused
				3,337			1 Very satisfied
				9,958			2 Satisfied
				622			3 Dissatisfied
				116			4 Very dissatisfied
				532			5 No experience
MCSAMLOC	424	2	SAT2FMT		SC8		N Satis w/ get med care done same location
				86			-8 Don't know
				44			-7 Refused
				2,325			1 Very satisfied
				9,296			2 Satisfied
				704			3 Dissatisfied
				119			4 Very dissatisfied
				2,158			5 No experience
MCSPECAR	426	2	SAT2FMT		SC8a		N Satis w/ avail of care by specialists
				93			-8 Don't know
				43			-7 Refused
				3,079			1 Very satisfied
				9,568			2 Satisfied
				458			3 Dissatisfied
				102			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,389			5 No experience

Note: First available in 1996

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MCTELANS	428	2	SAT2FMT		SC8b		N Ease w/ get treat/presc answers on phone
					92		-8 Don't know
					42		-7 Refused
					1,838		1 Very satisfied
					8,287		2 Satisfied
					844		3 Dissatisfied
					222		4 Very dissatisfied
					3,407		5 No experience

Note: First available in 1996

MCAMTPAY	430	2	SAT2FMT		SC8C		N Amt pay for presc. drugs
					76		-8 Don't know
					37		-7 Refused
					3,123		1 Very satisfied
					8,223		2 Satisfied
					1,865		3 Dissatisfied
					661		4 Very dissatisfied
					747		5 No experience

Note: First available in 2006

MCDRGLST	432	2	SAT1FMT		SC8D		N Rx plan list of drugs covered
					1,897		. Inapplicable
					9		-9 Not ascertained
					274		-8 Don't know
					31		-7 Refused
					2,479		1 Very satisfied
					8,183		2 Satisfied
					786		3 Dissatisfied
					202		4 Very dissatisfied
					871		5 No experience

Notes: Inapplicable if no prescription drug coverage
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MCFNDPCY	434	2	SAT1FMT		SC8E		N Ease of finding pharmacy accept Rx plan
					1,897		. Inapplicable
					13		-9 Not ascertained
					76		-8 Don't know
					33		-7 Refused
					3,745		1 Very satisfied
					8,012		2 Satisfied
					129		3 Dissatisfied
					25		4 Very dissatisfied
					802		5 No experience

Notes: Inapplicable if no prescription drug coverage
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MCRECPLN	436	2	YES7FMT		SC8F		N Recommend Rx plan to other people
				1,866			. Inapplicable
				13			-9 Not ascertained
				459			-8 Don't know
				32			-7 Refused
				9,544			1 Yes
				1,250			2 No
				1,568			3 No experience
Notes: Inapplicable if no prescription drug coverage First available in 2006							
MCDISSFY	438	2	DISAFFMT		SC9		N Things abt med services - dissatis with
				1			. Missing
				25			-8 Don't know
				31			-7 Refused
				10,571			1 Not dissatisfied with anything
				4,104			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMDIS1-4
VCMDIS1	440	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 1st reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				10,627			. Inapplicable
				896			1 Cost of health care
				12			2 Can't afford
				618			3 Services covered
				131			4 Inconvenient location
				214			5 Waiting time
				84			6 Time spent with doctor
				177			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				15			8 Unnecessary tests
				101			9 Doctor's attitude
				79			10 Paperwork
				8			11 Rarely use services
				42			12 Attitude of other medical person
				107			13 Doctor's competence
				43			14 Competence of other medical person
				42			15 No preventative care
				9			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				58			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				29			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				19			19 HMO restrictions on services
				73			20 Cant see same HMO prov / no prov choice
				371			21 Medicare Rx DRUG/PDP/PART D
				202			22 Prescription drug coverage
				769			91 Other
				6			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCDISSFY = 91

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VCMCDIS2	442	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 2nd reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				13,710			. Inapplicable
				104			1 Cost of health care
				30			2 Can't afford
				137			3 Services covered
				18			4 Inconvenient location
				45			5 Waiting time
				40			6 Time spent with doctor
				92			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				5			8 Unnecessary tests
				72			9 Doctor's attitude
				10			10 Paperwork
				1			11 Rarely use services
				21			12 Attitude of other medical person
				91			13 Doctor's competence
				26			14 Competence of other medical person
				8			15 No preventative care
				5			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				23			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				10			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				17			19 HMO restrictions on services
				13			20 Cant see same HMO prov / no prov choice
				53			21 Medicare Rx DRUG/PDP/PART D
				41			22 Prescription drug coverage
				160			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCDISSFY = 91 and 2nd reason is given

VCMCDIS3	444	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 3rd reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				14,584			. Inapplicable
				5			1 Cost of health care
				2			2 Can't afford
				8			3 Services covered
				4			4 Inconvenient location
				6			5 Waiting time
				6			6 Time spent with doctor
				11			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				1			8 Unnecessary tests
				24			9 Doctor's attitude
				1			10 Paperwork
				1			11 Rarely use services
				3			12 Attitude of other medical person
				30			13 Doctor's competence
				3			14 Competence of other medical person
				2			15 No preventative care
				0			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				2			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				0			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				1			19 HMO restrictions on services
				1			20 Cant see same HMO prov / no prov choice
				4			21 Medicare Rx DRUG/PDP/PART D
				7			22 Prescription drug coverage
				26			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCDISSFY = 91 and 3rd reason is given

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VCMCDIS4	446	2	VERBAFMT	SC9			N 4th reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				14,723			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Cost of health care
				0			2 Can't afford
				0			3 Services covered
				0			4 Inconvenient location
				0			5 Waiting time
				1			6 Time spent with doctor
				2			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				0			8 Unnecessary tests
				2			9 Doctor's attitude
				0			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				0			12 Attitude of other medical person
				2			13 Doctor's competence
				0			14 Competence of other medical person
				0			15 No preventative care
				0			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				0			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				0			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				0			19 HMO restrictions on services
				0			20 Cant see same HMO prov / no prov choice
				0			21 Medicare Rx DRUG/PDP/PART D
				2			22 Prescription drug coverage
				0			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code
							Note: Applies only if MCDISSFY = 91 and 4th reason is given
MCWORRY	448	2	TRUE2FMT	SC10a			N Worry abt hlth more than others your age
				252			-8 Don't know
				37			-7 Refused
				3,094			1 True
				11,349			2 False
							Note: First available in 1996
MCAVOID	450	2	TRUE2FMT	SC10b			N Do almost anything to avoid going to Dr
				54			-8 Don't know
				38			-7 Refused
				4,137			1 True
				10,503			2 False
							Note: First available in 1996
MCSICK	452	2	TRUE2FMT	SC10c			N When sick - try keeping sickness to self
				85			-8 Don't know
				37			-7 Refused
				5,581			1 True
				9,029			2 False
							Note: First available in 1996

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Notes: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1
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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
SCRMMAIN	506	2	SCRMFMT		SC14A		N Main reason not see doctor
				13,438			. Inapplicable
				9			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				396			1 Reas not see doc - not serious
				229			2 Reas not see doc - cost too much
				115			3 Reas not see doc - trouble finding doc
				96			4 Reas not see doc - schedule conflict
				166			5 Reas not see doc - doc could not do much
				91			6 Reas not see doc - afraid of finding out
				31			7 Reas not see doc - insur not accepted
				160			91 Reas not see doc - other
							Notes: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1 First available in 2006
PMNOTGET	508	2	YES2FMT		SC15		N Were there presc medicines SP didn't get
				27			-8 Don't know
				31			-7 Refused
				631			1 Yes
				14,043			2 No
							Note: First available in 1996
SCPMCOST	510	2	IND1FMT		SC17A		N Reas not obtain Rx - cost too much
				14,101			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				285			1 Indicated
				345			2 Not indicated
							Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006
SCNOHELP	512	2	IND1FMT		SC17A		N Reas not obtain Rx - would not help
				14,101			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				62			1 Indicated
				568			2 Not indicated
							Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006
SCPMREAC	514	2	IND1FMT		SC17A		N Reas not obtain Rx - afraid of reaction
				14,101			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				96			1 Indicated
				534			2 Not indicated
							Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006

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SCPMNLKE	516	2	IND1FMT		SC17A		N Reas not obtain Rx - do not like to take
				14,101			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				44			1 Indicated
				586			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006			
SCPMNCND	518	2	IND1FMT		SC17A		N Reas not obtain Rx - not necessary
				14,101			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				70			1 Indicated
				560			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006			
SCPMNOCV	520	2	IND1FMT		SC17A		N Reas not obtain Rx - not covered
				14,101			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				168			1 Indicated
				462			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006			
SCPMTROB	522	2	IND1FMT		SC17A		N Reas not obtain Rx - trouble obtaining
				14,101			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				37			1 Indicated
				593			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006			
SCPMSMPL	524	2	IND1FMT		SC17A		N Reas not obtain Rx - obtained samples
				14,101			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				34			1 Indicated
				596			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006			
SCPMSUBS	526	2	IND1FMT		SC17A		N Reas not obtain Rx - used substitution
				14,101			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				36			1 Indicated
				594			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006			

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SCPMOTHR	528	2	IND1FMT		SC17A		N Reas not obtain Rx - other
				14,101			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				44			1 Indicated
				586			2 Not indicated
							Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006
SCPMOTOS	530	30			SC17A		C Reas not obtain Rx - other, spec
							Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006
SCPMMAIN	560	2	SCPMFMT		SC18A		N Main reason not obtain prescription
				14,101			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				232			1 Reas not obtain Rx - cost too much
				38			2 Reas not obtain Rx - would not help
				73			3 Reas not obtain Rx - afraid of reaction
				23			4 Reas not obtain Rx - do not like to take
				50			5 Reas not obtain Rx - not necessary
				120			6 Reas not obtain Rx - not covered
				16			7 Reas not obtain Rx - trouble obtaining
				17			8 Reas not obtain Rx - obtained samples
				15			9 Reas not obtain Rx - used substitution
				46			91 Reas not obtain Rx - other
							Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 2006
GENERRX	562	2	TIME4FMT		SC20		N Did SP ask for generic form of Rx?
				116			-8 Don't know
				33			-7 Refused
				4,711			1 Often
				2,240			2 Sometimes
				7,632			3 Never
							Note: First available in 2004
MAILRX	564	2	TIME4FMT		SC20		N Has SP purchased Rx via mail/internet?
				47			-8 Don't know
				32			-7 Refused
				2,729			1 Often
				896			2 Sometimes
				11,028			3 Never
							Note: First available in 2004
DOSESRX	566	2	TIME4FMT		SC20		N SP took smaller does of Rx
				39			-8 Don't know
				32			-7 Refused
				253			1 Often
				997			2 Sometimes
				13,411			3 Never
							Note: First available in 2004

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SKIPRX	568	2	TIME4FMT		SC20		N Skipped doses to make Rx last longer
				38			-8 Don't know
				32			-7 Refused
				197			1 Often
				873			2 Sometimes
				13,592			3 Never
				Note: First available in 2004			
DELAYRX	570	2	TIME4FMT		SC20		N Delayed getting Rx because of cost
				37			-8 Don't know
				32			-7 Refused
				300			1 Often
				959			2 Sometimes
				13,404			3 Never
				Note: First available in 2006			
SAMPLERX	572	2	TIME4FMT		SC20		N Asked for Rx samples from Dr.
				51			-8 Don't know
				32			-7 Refused
				1,723			1 Often
				5,193			2 Sometimes
				7,733			3 Never
				Note: First available in 2004			
COMPARRX	574	2	TIME4FMT		SC20		N Compared prices/shopped for best prices
				40			-8 Don't know
				32			-7 Refused
				774			1 Often
				1,752			2 Sometimes
				12,134			3 Never
				Note: First available in 2004			
NOFILLRX	576	2	TIME4FMT		SC20		N Decided not to get Rx because of cost
				39			-8 Don't know
				32			-7 Refused
				294			1 Often
				889			2 Sometimes
				13,478			3 Never
				Note: First available in 2006			
NONUSRX	578	2	TIME4FMT		SC20		N Purchased Rx from outside the U.S.?
				31			-8 Don't know
				33			-7 Refused
				103			1 Often
				339			2 Sometimes
				14,226			3 Never
				Note: First available in 2004			

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SPENTLRX	580	2	TIME4FMT		SC20		N Spent less \$ to save for needed Rx
				38			-8 Don't know
				32			-7 Refused
				258			1 Often
				829			2 Sometimes
				13,575			3 Never

Note: First available in 2004

PLACEPAR	582	2	YES2FMT		US1		N Does SP go particular place for med care
				14			-8 Don't know
				29			-7 Refused
				13,965			1 Yes
				724			2 No

PLACEKND	584	2	PLACEFMT		US2		N Kind of place SP usually go for med care
				767			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				10,886			1 Doctor's office or group practice
				1,779			2 Doctor's clinic
				436			3 HMO
				68			4 Neighborhood or family health center
				3			5 Freestanding surgery center
				19			6 Rural Health Clinic
				4			7 Company clinic
				31			8 Other clinic
				17			9 Walk-in urgent care center
				64			10 At home
				29			11 Hospital emergency room
				234			12 Hospital outpatient department
				358			13 Veterans' Administration facility
				4			14 Mental health center
				29			91 Other, specify

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

PLACEMCP	586	2	YES1FMT		US2A		N Is Dr/clinic associated w/ SP's MCP?
				11,510			. Inapplicable
				14			-9 Not ascertained
				37			-8 Don't know
				3,002			1 Yes
				169			2 No

Notes: Applies only if SP currently belongs to a managed care plan
First available in 1999

USUALDOC	588	2	YES1FMT		US4		N Is there particular Dr SP usually sees
				11,715			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				2,544			1 Yes
				468			2 No

Note: Inapplicable if PLACEKND = 1, 10, or .

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MDSPEC	590	2	SPCLFMT			US6a	N What is the doctor's specialty
				1,240			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				289			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				10			1 Allergy & Immunology
				3			2 Anesthesiology
				257			3 Cardiology (heart)
				2			5 Dermatology (skin)
				6			6 Emergency Room physician
				77			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				3,070			8 Family practice
				32			9 Gastroenterology
				5,389			10 General practice
				23			11 General surgery
				119			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				38			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				10			14 Hematology (blood)
				10			15 Hospital residence
				3,467			16 Internal medicine
				54			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				52			18 Neurology
				6			19 Nuclear Medicine
				51			20 Oncology
				8			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				15			22 Orthopaedics
				189			24 Osteopathy
				6			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				15			26 Pathology
				4			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				0			28 Plastic surgery
				1			29 Proctology
				74			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				62			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				0			32 Radiology
				45			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				1			34 Thoracic Surgery
				14			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				0			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				0			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				89			91 Other medical specialty

Notes: See Notes to the data for the skip pattern and variable derivation.
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Notes: Inapplicable if MDSPEC /= 91
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USHOUSCL	622	2	YES1FMT		US7		N Does Dr make house calls?
				831			. Inapplicable
				1,013			-8 Don't know
				401			1 Yes
				12,487			2 No

Note: Applies only if PLACEKND does not equal 10 or .

GETUSHOW	624	2	GODRFMT		US8		N How does SP usually get to Dr's office?
				831			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				268			1 Walking
				9,026			2 Driving
				3,907			3 Being driven
				120			4 Ambulance or other special vehicle
				104			5 Taxi
				418			6 Other public transportation
				0			7 Doctor comes to home
				26			8 Senior citizen van/bus
				29			91 Other, specify

Note: Applies only if PLACEKND does not equal 10 or .

D_GETUS	626	4	SECFMT		US9		N Mins - usually take to get Dr's office
				834			. Inapplicable
				28			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				7,892			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				4,429			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				900			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				350			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				44			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				92			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				15			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				83			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				63			2 or more hrs

Notes: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7
First available in 1992

ACCOMPUS	630	2	YES1FMT		US10		N Does someone accompany SP to Dr's office
				834			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				5,876			1 Yes
				8,019			2 No

Note: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7

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D_ACCREL	632	2	REL FMT			US11	N Who usually goes w/ SP to Dr's office?
				8,856			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample person
				2,745			2 Spouse
				405			3 Son
				1,144			4 Daughter
				35			5 Brother
				166			6 Sister
				65			7 Father
				297			8 Mother
				22			9 Son-in-law
				113			10 Daughter-in-law
				24			11 Grandson
				63			12 Granddaughter
				11			13 Nephew
				70			14 Niece
				84			50 Partner/roommate
				308			51 Friend/neighbor
				1			52 Boarder
				41			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				2			54 Legal/financial officer
				10			55 Guardian
				93			91 Other relative
				176			92 Other non-relative

Note: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1

ACCWRITE	634	2	IND1 FMT			US11aa	N Accompanies SP to take notes
				8,856			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				2,757			1 Indicated
				3,116			2 Not indicated

Notes: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1
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ACCEXPDR	636	2	IND1 FMT			US11aa	N Accompanies SP to explain things to Dr.
				8,856			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				2,762			1 Indicated
				3,111			2 Not indicated

Notes: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1
First available in 2002

ACCEXPSP	638	2	IND1 FMT			US11aa	N Accompanies SP to explain Dr's instr
				8,856			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				2,035			1 Indicated
				3,838			2 Not indicated

Notes: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1
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ACCASKQS	640	2	IND1FMT		US11aa		N Accompanies SP to ask questions
				8,856			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				2,761			1 Indicated
				3,112			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1 First available in 2002			
ACCTTRANS	642	2	IND1FMT		US11aa		N Accompanies SP to act as a translator
				8,856			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				146			1 Indicated
				5,727			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1 First available in 2002			
ACCAPPTS	644	2	IND1FMT		US11aa		N Accompanies SP to schedule appointments
				8,856			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				1,393			1 Indicated
				4,480			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1 First available in 2002			
ACCMORAL	646	2	IND1FMT		US11aa		N Accompanies SP for moral support
				8,856			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				1,502			1 Indicated
				4,371			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1 First available in 2002			
ACCDRIVE	648	2	IND1FMT		US11aa		N Accompanies SP to provide transportation
				8,856			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				3,427			1 Indicated
				2,446			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1 First available in 2002			
ACCHELP	650	2	IND1FMT		US11aa		N Accompanies SP to assist w/ ADLs
				8,856			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				606			1 Indicated
				5,267			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1 First available in 2002			

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ACCOTHER	652	2	IND1FMT		US11aa		N Accompanies SP for other reason
				8,856			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				58			1 Indicated
				5,815			2 Not indicated

Notes: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1
First available in 2002

USHOWLNG	654	2	DOCFMT		US15		N How long seeing Dr/going service place
				767			. Inapplicable
				80			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,334			1 Less than 1 year
				2,393			2 1 year to < 3 years
				2,237			3 3 years to < 5 years
				3,067			4 5 years to < 10 years
				4,852			5 10 years or more

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

PREVMEDC	656	2	YES1FMT		US17		N Before usual Dr had SP seen other Dr?
				13,398			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1,180			1 Yes
				152			2 No

Note: Applies only if USHOWLING = 1 or USONEY = 1

USCKEVRY	658	2	AGREE		US27		N Dr checks everything when examining SP
				772			. Inapplicable
				127			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				4,765			1 Strongly agree
				8,070			2 Agree
				842			3 Disagree
				78			4 Strongly Disagree
				74			5 No experience

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USCOMPET	660	2	AGREE		US28		N Your Dr is competent and well-trained
				772			. Inapplicable
				233			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				5,288			1 Strongly agree
				8,218			2 Agree
				156			3 Disagree
				17			4 Strongly Disagree
				45			5 No experience

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

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USCONFID	678	2	AGREE	US37			N SP has great confidence in Dr
				772			. Inapplicable
				172			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				4,877			1 Strongly agree
				8,059			2 Agree
				674			3 Disagree
				105			4 Strongly Disagree
				70			5 No experience
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USDEPEND	680	2	AGREE	US38			N Depend on Dr feel better phys & emotion
				772			. Inapplicable
				215			-8 Don't know
				6			-7 Refused
				3,351			1 Strongly agree
				8,147			2 Agree
				1,830			3 Disagree
				242			4 Strongly Disagree
				169			5 No experience
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
NUSNOTSK	682	2	YES1FMT	US39			N No source of care - seldom or never sick
				14,008			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				426			1 Yes
				296			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			
NUSMOVIN	684	2	YES1FMT	US40			N No source of care - recent move to area
				14,008			. Inapplicable
				78			1 Yes
				646			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			
NUSAVAIL	686	2	YES1FMT	US41			N No source of care - Amer Dr unavailable
				14,008			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				126			1 Yes
				597			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			

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USWHYNAV	688	2	WHYFMT	US42			N Why is SP's usual Dr no longer available
				14,606			. Inapplicable
				47			1 Previous doctor retired
				11			2 Previous doctor died
				32			3 Previous doctor moved
				11			4 SP moved
				5			5 Prev doctor/provider too far away
				0			6 Prev Dr/provider charge > Mcare paid
				0			7 Dissatisfied w/prev Dr/provider
				0			8 SP joined HMO
				0			9 SP changed insurance company
				0			10 Doctor changed practice
				20			91 Other
							Note: Applies only if NUSAVAIL = 1
NUSDIFFP	690	2	YES1FMT	US43			N No source of care - like different place
				14,008			. Inapplicable
				64			1 Yes
				660			2 No
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
NUSTOOFR	692	2	YES1FMT	US44			N No source of care - places too far away
				14,008			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				52			1 Yes
				671			2 No
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
NUSTOOEX	694	2	YES1FMT	US45			N No source of care - cost too expensive
				14,008			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				130			1 Yes
				592			2 No
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2