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This file combines parts of RICs BK and BN that were released in 1998 through 2000. These data provide the opportunity to quantify many of CMS's Strategic Plan objectives and to measure beneficiary information needs. Specifically, to involve the beneficiaries in defining their health care information needs by aggregating and using data for continuous policy and process improvement, to assess outreach by the Medicare program and general knowledge of the Medicare program (services and health care choices) by the beneficiaries. There is one record for each sample person who completes a community interview.

RIC	1	2					C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1					C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT				C Unique SP Identification Number
				14,947			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
KNOWMC	12	2	KNOWMC		KN1		N How easy is Mcare prog to understand
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				497			-8 Don't know
				97			-7 Refused
				2,004			1 Very easy
				6,446			2 Somewhat easy
				4,227			3 Somewhat difficult
				1,673			4 Very difficult

Note: First available in 2001

KCARKNOW	14	2	KNOWFMT		KN2		N What SP thinks they know about Mcare
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				58			-8 Don't know
				99			-7 Refused
				1,334			1 Just about everything necessary
				4,390			2 Most of what is necessary
				4,827			3 Some of what is necessary
				2,654			4 A little of what is necessary
				1,582			5 Almost none of what is necessary

Notes: See MCARKNOW in prior yrs.  
First available in 2001

TOPICKN1	16	2	TOPICKNF		KN24a		N Topic most important to have info about
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				64			-8 Don't know
				98			-7 Refused
				2,578			1 How much SP would have to pay for med sv
				1,225			2 Information about Mcare pres drug covera
				2,861			3 Mcare new benefits or changes
				1,307			4 What services Medicare does/doesn't cove
				207			5 Benefits of Mcare Advantage plans
				146			6 Medigap or supplemental insurance
				209			7 Medicaid
				259			8 Choosing/finding a dr or othr med provid
				788			9 Staying healthy
				188			10 Qual. of care provided in area
				138			11 Choosing a nursing home
				4,876			96 Doesn't want/need any of this informatio

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TOPICKN2	18	2	TOPICKNF			KN24a	N Topic 2nd most important 2 have info abt
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				6,738			-1 Inapplicable
				668			1 How much SP would have to pay for med sv
				1,056			2 Information about Mcare pres drug covera
				1,900			3 Mcare new benefits or changes
				1,947			4 What services Medicare does/doesn't cove
				451			5 Benefits of Mcare Advantage plans
				258			6 Medigap or supplemental insurance
				247			7 Medicaid
				399			8 Choosing/finding a dr or othr med provid
				734			9 Staying healthy
				428			10 Qual. of care provided in area
				118			11 Choosing a nursing home
				0			96 Doesn't want/need any of this informatio

Notes: Applies only if SP needs more info on more than one topic/program.  
First available in 2005

TOPICKN3	20	2	TOPICKNF			KN24a	N Topic 3rd most important 2 have info abt
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				8,619			-1 Inapplicable
				577			1 How much SP would have to pay for med sv
				412			2 Information about Mcare pres drug covera
				919			3 Mcare new benefits or changes
				1,145			4 What services Medicare does/doesn't cove
				512			5 Benefits of Mcare Advantage plans
				318			6 Medigap or supplemental insurance
				258			7 Medicaid
				403			8 Choosing/finding a dr or othr med provid
				949			9 Staying healthy
				594			10 Qual. of care provided in area
				238			11 Choosing a nursing home
				0			96 Doesn't want/need any of this informatio

Notes: Applies only if SP needs more info on more than two topics/programs.  
First available in 2005

KNUPNNE	22	2	IND1FMT			KN25a	N Mcare devel source, not wanted or needed
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				53			-8 Don't know
				97			-7 Refused
				2,366			1 Indicated
				12,428			2 Not indicated

Note: First available in 2006

KNUPFAML	24	2	IND1FMT			KN25a	N Mcare devel source, family or friend
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				53			-8 Don't know
				97			-7 Refused
				3,627			1 Indicated
				11,167			2 Not indicated

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KNUPINSR	38	2	IND1FMT		KN25a		N Mcare devel source, insurance company
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				53			-8 Don't know
				97			-7 Refused
				2,944			1 Indicated
				11,850			2 Not indicated
				Note: First available in 2006			
KNUPEMP	40	2	IND1FMT		KN25a		N Mcare devel source, employer or union
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				53			-8 Don't know
				97			-7 Refused
				457			1 Indicated
				14,337			2 Not indicated
				Note: First available in 2006			
KNUPAARP	42	2	IND1FMT		KN25a		N Mcare devel source, AARP or seniors org
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				53			-8 Don't know
				97			-7 Refused
				2,576			1 Indicated
				12,218			2 Not indicated
				Note: First available in 2006			
KNUPMDIA	44	2	IND1FMT		KN25a		N Mcare devel source, media
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				53			-8 Don't know
				97			-7 Refused
				2,873			1 Indicated
				11,921			2 Not indicated
				Note: First available in 2006			
KNUPOTR	46	2	IND1FMT		KN25a		N Mcare devel source, other
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				53			-8 Don't know
				97			-7 Refused
				83			1 Indicated
				14,711			2 Not indicated
				Note: First available in 2006			
KNUPOTOS	48	30			KN25a		C Mcare devel source, other, specify
				Note: First available in 2006			

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KNPREPER	78	2	IND1FMT		KN25b		N Mcare devel method, talk in person
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				100			-7 Refused
				6,573			1 Indicated
				8,232			2 Not indicated
				Note: First available in 2006			
KNPREPHN	80	2	IND1FMT		KN25b		N Mcare devel method, talk on phone
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				100			-7 Refused
				3,332			1 Indicated
				11,473			2 Not indicated
				Note: First available in 2006			
KNPREMAI	82	2	IND1FMT		KN25b		N Mcare devel method, mail
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				100			-7 Refused
				8,559			1 Indicated
				6,246			2 Not indicated
				Note: First available in 2006			
KNPRENET	84	2	IND1FMT		KN25b		N Mcare devel method, Internet or computer
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				100			-7 Refused
				1,935			1 Indicated
				12,870			2 Not indicated
				Note: First available in 2006			
KNPREVID	86	2	IND1FMT		KN25b		N Mcare devel method, informational video
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				100			-7 Refused
				2,354			1 Indicated
				12,451			2 Not indicated
				Note: First available in 2006			
KNPREAUD	88	2	IND1FMT		KN25b		N Mcare devel method, audiotape
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				100			-7 Refused
				375			1 Indicated
				14,430			2 Not indicated
				Note: First available in 2006			

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KNPRECLS	90	2	IND1FMT		KN25b		N Mcare devel method, seminar
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				100			-7 Refused
				1,485			1 Indicated
				13,320			2 Not indicated
							Note: First available in 2006
KNPREOTH	92	2	IND1FMT		KN25b		N Mcare devel method, other
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				100			-7 Refused
				57			1 Indicated
				14,748			2 Not indicated
							Note: First available in 2006
KNPREOS	94	30			KN25b		C Mcare devel method, other, specify
							Note: First available in 2006
KNFOSATI	124	2	SAT1FMT		KN26		N SP Satisfac w/ Mcare info availability
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				165			-8 Don't know
				97			-7 Refused
				1,882			1 Very satisfied
				10,933			2 Satisfied
				980			3 Dissatisfied
				259			4 Very dissatisfied
				628			5 No experience
							Notes: See INFOSATI in prior yrs. First available in 2001
KBOKRECD	126	2	YES2FMT		KN27		N SP received Mcare & You book
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				505			-8 Don't know
				96			-7 Refused
				12,747			1 Yes
				1,596			2 No
							Notes: See BOOKRECD in prior yrs. First available in 2001
KBOKREAD	128	2	BOOKREAD		KN28		N Amount of book read by SP
				3			-8 Don't know
				2,200			-1 Inapplicable
				588			1 Read it thoroughly
				5,939			2 Read parts of it
				6,217			3 Have not read it at all
							Notes: Applies only if KBOKRECD = 1. See BOOKREAD in prior yrs. First available in 2001

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KBOKUNDR	130	2	EASYDIFF		KN29		N Book understood by SP
				37			-8 Don't know
				8,420			-1 Inapplicable
				1,304			1 Very easy
				3,705			2 Somewhat easy
				1,245			3 Somewhat hard
				236			4 Very hard
							Notes: Applies only if KBOKREAD = 1 or 2. See BOOKUNDR in prior yrs. First available in 2001
MDCOVAMM	132	2	YES1FMT		KN34b		N Annual mammogram for woman
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				3,226			-8 Don't know
				101			-7 Refused
				10,742			1 Yes
				875			2 No
							Note: First available in 2006
MDCOVPSA	134	2	YES1FMT		KN34b		N Annual PSA test for men
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				4,636			-8 Don't know
				101			-7 Refused
				9,299			1 Yes
				908			2 No
							Note: First available in 2006
MDCOVDNT	136	2	YES1FMT		KN34b		N Routine dental exam
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				2,070			-8 Don't know
				101			-7 Refused
				1,572			1 Yes
				11,201			2 No
							Note: First available in 2006
MDCOVFLU	138	2	YES1FMT		KN34b		N Annual flu shot
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				1,419			-8 Don't know
				102			-7 Refused
				12,449			1 Yes
				974			2 No
							Note: First available in 2006
MDCOVCOL	140	2	YES1FMT		KN34b		N Colon cancer screening
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				3,674			-8 Don't know
				103			-7 Refused
				9,734			1 Yes
				1,433			2 No
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KNOUTPOC	154	2	TRUE3FMT		KN49c		N Out-of-pocket costs same each Mcare opti
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				100			-7 Refused
				1,849			1 True
				7,437			2 False
				5,558			3 Not sure
				Note: First available in 2004			
KNVOLMED	156	2	TRUE3FMT		KN49f		N Mcare can enroll in presc drug coverage
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				101			-7 Refused
				10,228			1 True
				1,131			2 False
				3,484			3 Not sure
				Note: First available in 2005			
KNTWOPLN	158	2	TRUE3FMT		KN49g		N Mcare at least two presc drug plan choic
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				101			-7 Refused
				8,769			1 True
				942			2 False
				5,132			3 Not sure
				Note: First available in 2005			
KNCHGCST	160	2	TRUE3FMT		KN49h		N Plans can change cost only once per year
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				101			-7 Refused
				3,740			1 True
				2,642			2 False
				8,461			3 Not sure
				Note: First available in 2005			
KNACCPLN	162	2	TRUE3FMT		KN49il		N Plans must be accepted at all pharmacies
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				101			-7 Refused
				3,901			1 True
				5,724			2 False
				5,218			3 Not sure
				Note: First available in 2006			
KNCHGLST	164	2	TRUE3FMT		KN49j		N Change list of covered drugs at any time
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				100			-7 Refused
				6,982			1 True
				1,885			2 False
				5,977			3 Not sure
				Note: First available in 2005			

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KNLIMINC	166	2	TRUE3FMT		KN49l		N Limited income and resources assistance
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				100			-7 Refused
				10,169			1 True
				728			2 False
				3,947			3 Not sure
Note: First available in 2005							
KNONLCHG	168	2	TRUE3FMT		KN49m		N Only change during open enrollment perio
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				99			-7 Refused
				10,154			1 True
				556			2 False
				4,135			3 Not sure
Note: First available in 2006							
KNHAVCOM	170	2	YES2FMT		KN50		N SP has personal computer in home
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				96			-7 Refused
				7,266			1 Yes
				7,580			2 No
Notes: See BNHAVCOM in prior yrs. First available in 2001							
KNETPERS	172	2	YESNONET		KN51a		N SP ever use Internet to get info
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				96			-7 Refused
				4,919			1 Yes
				9,763			2 No
				158			3 Never heard of the Internet
Note: First available in 2006							
KNETFRND	174	2	YES1FMT		KN51b		N SP has someone to get info from Internet
				8			-8 Don't know
				5,184			-1 Inapplicable
				2,938			1 Yes
				6,817			2 No
Notes: Applies only when KNETPERS = 2. First available in 2006							

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KNETOFTN	176	2	KNETOFMT		KN51c		N How often access Internet seeking info
				62			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				7,090			-1 Inapplicable
				2,052			1 Every day
				1,661			2 A few times a week
				1,677			3 A few times a month
				2,402			4 A few times a year
Notes: Applies only when KNETPERS = 1 or KNETPRND = 1.							
First available in 2006							
KVSITWEB	178	2	YES1FMT		KN53		N Has SP visited website for Medicare info
				158			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				265			-1 Inapplicable
				2,364			1 Yes
				12,158			2 No
Notes: Applies only if KNETUSED/KNETPERS = 1 or 2. See VISITWEB in prior yrs.							
First available in 2001							
KCIIHELP	180	2	KCIIHELP		KN54		N Who makes SP health insurance decisions
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				23			-8 Don't know
				69			-7 Refused
				1,523			-1 Inapplicable
				8,946			1 Makes decisions on own
				3,682			2 Gets help on decisions
				703			3 Someone else makes decisions
Notes: Inapplicable if proxy interview (PROXY = 2.) See MCIIHELP in prior yrs.							
First available in 2001							
KREELINE	182	2	YES2FMT		KN56		N Before today, SP aware of 800-MEDICARE
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				50			-7 Refused
				9,591			1 Yes
				5,265			2 No
Notes: See FREELINE in prior yrs.							
First available in 2001							
MCPHINFO	184	2	YES1FMT		KN57		N SP has called 1-800-Medicare for info
				31			-8 Don't know
				5,356			-1 Inapplicable
				3,630			1 Yes
				5,930			2 No
Notes: Applies only if KREELINE = 1. See MCPHINFO in prior yrs.							
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KCSUGGST	226	2	KCSUGGST		KN58		N Does SP have concerns/suggest for CMS
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				12			-8 Don't know
				89			-7 Refused
				8,786			1 Doesn't have any suggestions/concerns
				6,057			91 Does have suggestions/concerns

Notes: See MCSUGGST in prior yrs.  
First available in 2001