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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

11,415 LOW-HIGH BASEID Count

ERVISIT	12	2	YES1FMT	AC1		N Since refer date did SP go ER for care?
				9,490		. Inapplicable
				1		-9 Not ascertained
				6		-8 Don't know
				367		1 Yes
				1,551		2 No

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

ERAPPT	14	2	YES1FMT	AC3		N Have appointment for recent visit to ER
				8,694		. Inapplicable
				7		-9 Not ascertained
				28		-8 Don't know
				1		-7 Refused
				197		1 Yes
				2,488		2 No

Note: Applies if ERVISIT=1 or continuing SP had ER visit since last interview

ERDRTEL	16	2	YES1FMT	AC4		N Did a Dr tell SP to go to ER for visit?
				8,891		. Inapplicable
				7		-9 Not ascertained
				32		-8 Don't know
				1		-7 Refused
				645		1 Yes
				1,839		2 No

Note: Inapplicable if ERAPPT is not equal to . or 1

D_ERVIS	18	4	MINFMT	AC5		N Mins altogether for ER visit
				9,070		. Inapplicable
				570		0-60 up to 1 hour
				594		61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				423		121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				300		181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				176		241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				107		301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				45		361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				39		421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				91		More than 8 hrs

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D_ERWAIT	22	4	SECFMT		AC6		N Mins wait altogether before see ER Dr
				9,001			. Inapplicable
				1,452			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				396			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				96			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				209			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				2			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				57			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				5			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				83			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				114			2 or more hrs

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ERADMT	26	2	YES1FMT		AC7		N Was SP admitted to hospital from ER?
				11,048			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				160			1 Yes
				205			2 No

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

OPDVISIT	28	2	YES1FMT		AC8		N Since reference date did SP go to OPD?
				9,490			. Inapplicable
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				589			1 Yes
				1,328			2 No

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

OPDMCOND	30	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - medical condition
				10,178			. Inapplicable
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				28			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				475			1 Indicated
				729			2 Not indicated

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

OPDTESTS	32	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - tests
				10,178			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				28			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				592			1 Indicated
				613			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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OPDTSHOT	44	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - treatment shot
				10,178			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				0			1 Indicated
				1,230			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDPMED	46	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - medication
				10,178			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				2			1 Indicated
				1,228			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDOTHER	48	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - other
				10,178			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				28			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				50			1 Indicated
				1,155			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDSCOND	50	2	YES1FMT	AC10			N Was visit to OPD for specific condition?
				11,151			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				197			1 Yes
				66			2 No
				Note: See Notes to the data for the skip pattern.			
OPDAPPT	52	2	APPTFMT	AC12			N Was OPD visit by appointment or walk-in
				7,366			. Inapplicable
				8			-9 Not ascertained
				89			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,363			1 Appointment
				588			2 Walked in
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or contuing SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDDRTEL	54	2	TOLDFMT	AC13			N Did someone in OPD tell SP to come back?
				8,052			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				23			-8 Don't know
				1,894			1 Told to come back during a prior visit
				1,445			2 Called for an appointment
				Note: Applies only if OPDAPPT = 1			

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D_OPAPPT	56	4	DAYFMT		AC14		N Days - SP waited for OPD appointment
				10,104			. Inapplicable
				238			0 Didn't have wait
				419			1-3 1 to 3 days
				133			4-6 4 to 6 days
				242			7-9 7 to 9 days
				24			10-12 10 to 12 days
				139			13-15 13 to 15 days
				0			16-18 16 to 18 days
				43			19-21 19 to 21 days
				73			over 3 weeks

Notes: Applies only if OPDDRTEL = 2  
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D_OPVIS	60	4	MINFMT		AC15		N Mins - visit w/ OPD Dr take altogether?
				7,737			. Inapplicable
				1,763			0-60 up to 1 hour
				847			61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				379			121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				268			181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				151			241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				106			301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				50			361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				44			421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				70			More than 8 hrs

Notes: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview  
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D_OPWAIT	64	4	SECFMT		AC16		N Mins - SP spent wait before see OPD Dr
				7,734			. Inapplicable
				2,100			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				843			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				174			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				257			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				14			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				74			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				13			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				81			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				125			2 or more hrs

Notes: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview  
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NHRESEVR	68	2	YES1FMT		AC17		N Ever been resident/patient in nurs home
				9,490			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				34			1 Yes
				1,887			2 No

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MDSPCLTY	76	2	SPCLFMT		AC20		N MD spec., excl in home/hosp--most recent
				5,294			. Inapplicable
				7			-9 Not ascertained
				188			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				30			1 Allergy & Immunology
				10			2 Anesthesiology
				374			3 Cardiology (heart)
				250			5 Dermatology (skin)
				1			6 Emergency Room physician
				41			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				562			8 Family practice
				58			9 Gastroenterology
				1,221			10 General practice
				163			11 General surgery
				19			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				112			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				24			14 Hematology (blood)
				12			15 Hospital residence
				635			16 Internal medicine
				51			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				131			18 Neurology
				1			19 Nuclear Medicine
				114			20 Oncology
				787			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				297			22 Orthopaedics
				53			24 Osteopathy
				133			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				3			26 Pathology
				11			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				22			28 Plastic surgery
				11			29 Proctology
				158			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				53			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				47			32 Radiology
				47			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				11			34 Thoracic Surgery
				233			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				0			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				0			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				249			91 Other medical specialty

Note: See Notes to the data for the skip pattern and variable derivation.

D\_MDSPEC 78 2 C MD spec., most recent visit -- CMS Code

Note: MDSPCLTY translated into CMS codes.

MDMCOND	80	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - med condition named
				7,799			. Inapplicable
				7			-9 Not ascertained
				16			-8 Don't know
				1,308			1 Indicated
				2,285			2 Not indicated

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D_MDAPPT	106	4	DAYFMT		AC26		N Days - SP waited for Dr's appointment
				7,577			. Inapplicable
				794			0 Didn't have wait
				1,518			1-3 1 to 3 days
				295			4-6 4 to 6 days
				570			7-9 7 to 9 days
				68			10-12 10 to 12 days
				285			13-15 13 to 15 days
				0			16-18 16 to 18 days
				89			19-21 19 to 21 days
				219			over 3 weeks

Notes: Applies only if MDDRTEL = 2  
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D_MDVIS	110	4	MINFMT		AC27		N Mins - visit w/ Dr altogether?
				2,025			. Inapplicable
				6,964			0-60 up to 1 hour
				1,827			61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				407			121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				107			181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				49			241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				15			301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				9			361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				6			421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				6			More than 8 hrs

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D_MDWAIT	114	4	SECFMT		AC28		N Mins - SP spent waiting before seeing Dr
				2,007			. Inapplicable
				5,566			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				2,151			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				566			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				543			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				77			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				184			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				50			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				148			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				123			2 or more hrs

Notes: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview  
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HCTROUBL	118	2	YES2FMT		AC29		N Has SP had troub get needed health care?
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				11			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				535			1 Yes
				10,863			2 No

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HCTRC1	120	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 1
				10,880			. Inapplicable
				99			1 SP has no money
				58			2 Cost is too high
				49			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				58			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				18			5 Difficult to get home health care
				25			6 No treatment available
				22			7 Have to wait too long
				26			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				11			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				23			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				2			11 Referred to specialist
				0			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				0			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				0			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				142			91 Other
				2			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1.

HCTRC2	122	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 2
				11,334			. Inapplicable
				9			1 SP has no money
				19			2 Cost is too high
				22			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				4			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				2			5 Difficult to get home health care
				3			6 No treatment available
				3			7 Have to wait too long
				3			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				1			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				6			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				1			11 Referred to specialist
				0			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				0			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				0			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				8			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 and 2nd reason indicated.

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HCTRC3	124	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 3
				11,412			. Inapplicable
				1			1 SP has no money
				1			2 Cost is too high
				1			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				0			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				0			5 Difficult to get home health care
				0			6 No treatment available
				0			7 Have to wait too long
				0			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				0			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				0			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				0			11 Referred to specialist
				0			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				0			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				0			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				0			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code
Note: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 and 3rd reason indicated.							
HCDELAY	126	2	YES2FMT		AC31		N Last year did SP delay care due to cost?
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,432			1 Yes
				9,967			2 No
MCQUALTY	128	2	SAT2FMT		SC1		N Satis w/ qual of med care rec'd last yr
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				24			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				3,676			1 Very satisfied
				6,375			2 Satisfied
				426			3 Dissatisfied
				110			4 Very dissatisfied
				798			5 No experience
MCAVAIL	130	2	SAT2FMT		SC2		N Satis w/ avail med care night & weekends
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				51			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				1,295			1 Very satisfied
				4,141			2 Satisfied
				379			3 Dissatisfied
				112			4 Very dissatisfied
				5,431			5 No experience

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MCEASE	132	2	SAT2FMT		SC3		N Ease of get to Dr from where SP lives
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				21			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,413			1 Very satisfied
				7,558			2 Satisfied
				706			3 Dissatisfied
				164			4 Very dissatisfied
				547			5 No experience
MCCOSTS	134	2	SAT2FMT		SC4		N Satis w/ OOP costs for medical services
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				72			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,526			1 Very satisfied
				6,530			2 Satisfied
				1,827			3 Dissatisfied
				646			4 Very dissatisfied
				807			5 No experience
MCINFO	136	2	SAT2FMT		SC5		N Satis w/ info abt what was wrong w/ you
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				42			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,185			1 Very satisfied
				7,520			2 Satisfied
				723			3 Dissatisfied
				148			4 Very dissatisfied
				791			5 No experience
MCFOLUP	138	2	SAT2FMT		SC6		N Satis w/ folowup care after inital treat
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				29			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,161			1 Very satisfied
				6,817			2 Satisfied
				362			3 Dissatisfied
				84			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,956			5 No experience
MCCONCRN	140	2	SAT2FMT		SC7		N Satis w/ Dr's concern for overall health
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				67			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				2,361			1 Very satisfied
				7,325			2 Satisfied
				619			3 Dissatisfied
				114			4 Very dissatisfied
				922			5 No experience

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MCSAMLOC	142	2	SAT2FMT		SC8		N Satis w/ get med care done same location
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				40			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,879			1 Very satisfied
				7,398			2 Satisfied
				653			3 Dissatisfied
				103			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,335			5 No experience
MCDISSFY	144	2	DISAFFMT		SC9		N Things abt med services - dissatis with
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				37			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				8,904			1 Not dissatisfied with anything
				2,468			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMDIS1-4
VCMDIS1	146	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 1st reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				8,947			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				591			1 Cost of health care
				36			2 Can't afford
				157			3 Services covered
				90			4 Inconvenient location
				241			5 Waiting time
				118			6 Time spent with doctor
				81			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				26			8 Unnecessary tests
				158			9 Doctor's attitude
				84			10 Paperwork
				23			11 Rarely use services
				16			12 Attitude of other medical person
				93			13 Doctor's competence
				23			14 Competence of other medical person
				7			15 No preventative care
				29			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
				687			91 Other
				1			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				4			95 Unable to code

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VCMCDIS2	148	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 2nd reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				10,949			. Inapplicable
				35			1 Cost of health care
				29			2 Can't afford
				74			3 Services covered
				11			4 Inconvenient location
				23			5 Waiting time
				42			6 Time spent with doctor
				29			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				7			8 Unnecessary tests
				52			9 Doctor's attitude
				8			10 Paperwork
				1			11 Rarely use services
				8			12 Attitude of other medical person
				29			13 Doctor's competence
				9			14 Competence of other medical person
				2			15 No preventative care
				10			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
				97			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	150	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 3rd reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				11,371			. Inapplicable
				1			1 Cost of health care
				2			2 Can't afford
				9			3 Services covered
				1			4 Inconvenient location
				1			5 Waiting time
				3			6 Time spent with doctor
				3			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				2			8 Unnecessary tests
				4			9 Doctor's attitude
				1			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				0			12 Attitude of other medical person
				1			13 Doctor's competence
				1			14 Competence of other medical person
				0			15 No preventative care
				2			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
				13			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	152	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 4th reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				11,410			. Inapplicable
				1			1 Cost of health care
				1			2 Can't afford
				0			3 Services covered
				0			4 Inconvenient location
				1			5 Waiting time
				0			6 Time spent with doctor
				0			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				0			8 Unnecessary tests
				1			9 Doctor's attitude
				0			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				0			12 Attitude of other medical person
				0			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
				1			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCDISSFY = 91 and 4th reason is given

MCIMPROV	154	2	IMPROFMT		SC10		N Things abt med services need improvement
				1			. Missing
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				103			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				8,671			1 No improvement
				2,633			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMCIMP1-4



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VCMCIMP1	156	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 1st aspect of med svcs to be improved
				8,782			. Inapplicable
				14			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				570			1 Reduce cost
				17			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				328			3 Expansion of covered services
				60			4 More convenient location
				354			5 Reduce wait time
				168			6 More time spent with patients
				45			7 More thorough exam
				18			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				86			9 Improve attitude: physician
				63			10 Reduce paperwork
				20			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				44			12 Improve competence of physician
				26			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				162			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				23			15 Rarely use services
				0			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				0			17 Referral process at HMO
				0			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				628			91 Other
				1			92 No improvement needed
				5			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCIMPROV = 91

VCMCIMP2	158	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 2nd aspect of med svcs to be improved
				10,959			. Inapplicable
				41			1 Reduce cost
				13			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				112			3 Expansion of covered services
				14			4 More convenient location
				14			5 Reduce wait time
				31			6 More time spent with patients
				18			7 More thorough exam
				4			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				29			9 Improve attitude: physician
				14			10 Reduce paperwork
				9			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				12			12 Improve competence of physician
				5			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				38			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				1			15 Rarely use services
				0			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				0			17 Referral process at HMO
				0			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				101			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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VCMCIMP3	160	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 3rd aspect of med svcs to be improved
				11,361			. Inapplicable
				2			1 Reduce cost
				1			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				9			3 Expansion of covered services
				3			4 More convenient location
				6			5 Reduce wait time
				1			6 More time spent with patients
				1			7 More thorough exam
				1			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				3			9 Improve attitude: physician
				1			10 Reduce paperwork
				3			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				3			12 Improve competence of physician
				1			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				5			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				1			15 Rarely use services
				0			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				0			17 Referral process at HMO
				0			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				13			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

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

VCMCIMP4	162	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 4th aspect of med svcs to be improved
				11,413			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Reduce cost
				0			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				0			3 Expansion of covered services
				0			4 More convenient location
				0			5 Reduce wait time
				1			6 More time spent with patients
				0			7 More thorough exam
				0			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				1			9 Improve attitude: physician
				0			10 Reduce paperwork
				0			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				0			12 Improve competence of physician
				0			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				0			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				0			15 Rarely use services
				0			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				0			17 Referral process at HMO
				0			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				0			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCIMPROV = 91 and 4th reason is given

MCDRNSEE	164	2	YES2FMT		SC11		N Hlth prob think Dr should see but didn't
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				21			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				1,404			1 Yes
				9,984			2 No

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MCRNSERS	166	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think not serious
				10,011			. Inapplicable
				420			1 Indicated
				984			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MRCRCOST	168	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think cost too much
				10,011			. Inapplicable
				639			1 Indicated
				765			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRTIME	170	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - didn't have time
				10,011			. Inapplicable
				82			1 Indicated
				1,322			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRAPPT	172	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't get appoint
				10,011			. Inapplicable
				85			1 Indicated
				1,319			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
M CRAVAIL	174	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no Dr available
				10,011			. Inapplicable
				70			1 Indicated
				1,334			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRWAY	176	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no way to get to Dr
				10,011			. Inapplicable
				164			1 Indicated
				1,240			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRFAMILY	178	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't leave family
				10,011			. Inapplicable
				36			1 Indicated
				1,368			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			

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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
PLACEPAR	192	2	YES2FMT		US1		N Does SP go particular place for med care
				7			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				10,317			1 Yes
				1,078			2 No
PLACEKND	194	2	PLACEFMT		US2		N Kind of place SP usually go for med care
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				7,761			1 Doctor's office or group practice
				1,043			2 Doctor's clinic
				468			3 HMO
				158			4 Neighborhood or family health center
				0			5 Freestanding surgery center
				13			6 Rural Health Clinic
				10			7 Company clinic
				85			8 Other clinic
				20			9 Walk-in urgent care center
				39			10 At home
				54			11 Hospital emergency room
				436			12 Hospital outpatient department
				196			13 Veterans' Administration facility
				2			14 Mental health center
				31			91 Other, specify

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USUALDOC	196	2	YES1FMT		US4		N Is there particular Dr SP usually sees
				8,898			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				1,960			1 Yes
				550			2 No

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

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D_USSPCW	198	2	SPCLFMT		US6		N MD spec, incl in home/hosp--usually seen
				1,655			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				274			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				18			1 Allergy & Immunology
				3			2 Anesthesiology
				463			3 Cardiology (heart)
				12			5 Dermatology (skin)
				3			6 Emergency Room physician
				70			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				2,063			8 Family practice
				57			9 Gastroenterology
				3,687			10 General practice
				110			11 General surgery
				60			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				38			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				12			14 Hematology (blood)
				11			15 Hospital residence
				2,208			16 Internal medicine
				59			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				49			18 Neurology
				2			19 Nuclear Medicine
				56			20 Oncology
				13			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				36			22 Orthopaedics
				146			24 Osteopathy
				10			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				1			26 Pathology
				5			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				1			28 Plastic surgery
				2			29 Proctology
				68			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				57			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				3			32 Radiology
				42			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				7			34 Thoracic Surgery
				39			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				0			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				0			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				72			91 Other medical specialty

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1 and USUALDOC does not equal 1

D\_USSPEC 200 2 C MD spec., usually seen -- CMS Code

Note: D\_USSPCW translated into CMS codes.

USHOUSCL 202 2 YES1FMT US7 N Does Dr make house calls?

1,137	. Inapplicable
1	-9 Not ascertained
982	-8 Don't know
697	1 Yes
8,598	2 No

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

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GETUSHOW	204	2	GODRFMT		US8		N How does SP usually get to Dr's office?
				1,137			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				365			1 Walking
				5,592			2 Driving
				3,639			3 Being driven
				108			4 Ambulance or other special vehicle
				140			5 Taxi
				371			6 Other public transportation
				23			7 Doctor comes to home
				3			8 Senior citizen van/bus
				35			91 Other, specify

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

D_GETUS	206	4	SECFMT		US9		N Mins - usually take to get Dr's office
				1,218			. Inapplicable
				5,879			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				3,093			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				591			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				323			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				37			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				93			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				15			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				79			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				87			2 or more hrs

Notes: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7  
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ACCOMPUS	210	2	YES1FMT		US10		N Does someone accompany SP to Dr's office
				1,162			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				11			-8 Don't know
				5,131			1 Yes
				5,110			2 No

Note: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7

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D_ACCREL	212	2	RELFMT		US11		N Who usually goes w/ SP to Dr's office?
				10,676			. Inapplicable
				1			-7 Refused
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample person
				1			2 Spouse
				71			3 Son
				219			4 Daughter
				22			5 Brother
				51			6 Sister
				3			7 Father
				5			8 Mother
				9			9 Son-in-law
				48			10 Daughter-in-law
				12			11 Grandson
				19			12 Granddaughter
				14			13 Nephew
				26			14 Niece
				2			50 Partner/roommate
				153			51 Friend/neighbor
				0			52 Boarder
				5			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				0			54 Legal/financial officer
				0			55 Guardian
				39			91 Other relative
				39			92 Other non-relative

Note: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1

USMCCHK	214	2	CHKFMT		US12		N Does Medicare send check to SP or to Dr?
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				569			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,971			1 To SP
				7,031			2 To doctor
				745			3 No payment from Medicare

Note: Inapp if PLACEKND /= 1 or 3; PLACEPAR=1 & PLACEKND=3 or 13; or PLACEMCP=

PAIDMORE	216	2	YES1FMT		US13		N Ever pay Dr more than Medicare approves
				1,843			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				826			-8 Don't know
				2,276			1 Yes
				6,469			2 No

Note: Inapplicable if USMCCHK = 3 or .

USFINDMC	218	2	YES1FMT		US14		N Try find Dr accept Medicare approved amt
				9,139			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				133			1 Yes
				2,139			2 No

Note: Applies only if PAIDMORE = 1



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USHOWLNG	220	2	DOCFMT		US15		N How long seeing Dr/going service place
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				83			-8 Don't know
				1,069			1 Less than 1 year
				1,959			2 1 year to < 3 years
				1,887			3 3 years to < 5 years
				2,113			4 5 years to < 10 years
				3,206			5 10 years or more
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USONEYE	222	2	LESSFMT		US16		N Dr seen less than a year/a year or more
				11,332			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				4			1 Less than 1 year
				72			2 1 year or more
				Note: Applies only if USHOWLING = -8			
PREVMEDC	224	2	YES1FMT		US17		N Before usual Dr had SP seen other Dr?
				10,342			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				874			1 Yes
				197			2 No
				Note: Applies only if USHOWLING = 1 or USONEYE = 1			
PREVSTIL	226	2	YES1FMT		US18		N Still see other Dr or go to other place?
				10,541			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				107			1 Yes
				765			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PREVMEDC = 1			
PREVNOGO	228	2	WHYFMT		US19		N Why SP no see previous Dr/place anymore
				10,650			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				112			1 Previous doctor retired
				26			2 Previous doctor died
				111			3 Previous doctor moved
				102			4 SP moved
				66			5 Prev doctor/provider too far away
				16			6 Prev Dr/provider charge > Mcare paid
				180			7 Dissatisfied w/prev Dr/provider
				32			8 SP joined HMO
				17			9 SP changed insurance company
				25			10 Doctor changed practice
				76			91 Other
				Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 2			

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PREVSAC1	230	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 1st reason why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				11,235			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-7 Refused
				17			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				30			2 Ineffective treatment
				61			3 Att/person prob
				18			4 Too long to wait
				11			5 Cost
				5			6 Distance/conven
				36			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if PREVNOGO = 7

PREVSAC2	232	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 2nd reason why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				11,371			. Inapplicable
				5			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				12			2 Ineffective treatment
				11			3 Att/person prob
				5			4 Too long to wait
				0			5 Cost
				2			6 Distance/conven
				9			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if PREVNOGO = 7 and 2nd reason was given

PREVSAC3	234	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 3rd reason why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				11,413			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				0			2 Ineffective treatment
				1			3 Att/person prob
				0			4 Too long to wait
				0			5 Cost
				0			6 Distance/conven
				1			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if PREVNOGO = 7 and 3rd reason was given

PREVREAS	236	2	PREVFMT		US21		N Main reason go to usual Dr over other Dr
				10,650			. Inapplicable
				218			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				233			2 Ineffective treatment
				24			3 Att/person prob
				106			4 Too long to wait
				111			5 Cost
				0			6 Distance/conven
				73			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Inapplicable if PREVNOGO = .

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REFERDOC	238	2	YES1FMT		US22		N Refer to usual Dr by other Dr/med person
				11,306			. Inapplicable
				58			1 Yes
				51			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 1 or -8			
RECOMDOC	240	2	YES1FMT		US23		N Did family/friends recommend Dr/place?
				11,306			. Inapplicable
				30			1 Yes
				79			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 1 or -8			
USCHGMOR	242	2	YES1FMT		US24		N Know Dr may charge > Medicare approves
				10,541			. Inapplicable
				43			-8 Don't know
				135			1 Yes
				696			2 No
				Note: Inapp: PREVMEDC /= 1; PREVMEDC /= 1& PLACEPAR=1&PLACEKND=3/13; or PLACEM			
USPAPWRK	244	2	DRINFMT		US25		N Does Dr take care of insur paper work?
				3,661			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				159			-8 Don't know
				5,886			1 Yes
				1,213			2 No
				80			3 Sometimes
				415			4 Claims not filed for this doctor
				Note: Applies if PLACEKND=X14333, 13 & PREVREAS=1 or REFERDOC=1 & SP has priv			
USHICHEK	246	2	DRCKFMT		US26		N Does insurance firm send check to Dr/SP
				4,236			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				274			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				4,398			1 Usual doctor or provider
				1,942			2 SP
				563			3 Usual doctor or provider and SP
				Note: Applies if USPAPWRK = 1, 2, or 3			
USCKEVRY	248	2	AGREE		US27		N Dr checks everything when examining SP
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				65			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,687			1 Strongly agree
				6,756			2 Agree
				660			3 Disagree
				43			4 Strongly Disagree
				101			5 No experience
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			

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USCOMPET	250	2	AGREE		US28		N Your Dr is competent and well-trained
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				134			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				3,025			1 Strongly agree
				6,943			2 Agree
				143			3 Disagree
				12			4 Strongly Disagree
				56			5 No experience
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USUNHIST	252	2	AGREE		US29		N Dr has good understanding of med history
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				131			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,716			1 Strongly agree
				6,928			2 Agree
				422			3 Disagree
				33			4 Strongly Disagree
				83			5 No experience
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USUNWRNG	254	2	AGREE		US30		N Dr complete understand what wrong w/ SP
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				156			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,481			1 Strongly agree
				6,955			2 Agree
				590			3 Disagree
				43			4 Strongly Disagree
				88			5 No experience
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USHURRY	256	2	AGREE		US31		N Dr at serv place seems to be in a hurry
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				71			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				215			1 Strongly agree
				1,430			2 Agree
				7,059			3 Disagree
				1,462			4 Strongly Disagree
				76			5 No experience
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			

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USEXPPRB	258	2	AGREE		US32		N Dr doesn't explain med problems to SP
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				89			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				144			1 Strongly agree
				1,236			2 Agree
				7,311			3 Disagree
				1,390			4 Strongly Disagree
				143			5 No experience
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1
USDISCUS	260	2	AGREE		US33		N Hlth problem should be discuss but isn't
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				100			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				77			1 Strongly agree
				948			2 Agree
				7,751			3 Disagree
				1,285			4 Strongly Disagree
				152			5 No experience
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1
USFAVOR	262	2	AGREE		US34		N Dr act as if do a favor by talking to SP
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				89			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				64			1 Strongly agree
				622			2 Agree
				7,407			3 Disagree
				2,037			4 Strongly Disagree
				95			5 No experience
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1
USTELALL	264	2	AGREE		US35		N Dr tell all SP wants know abt med treat
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				84			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,865			1 Strongly agree
				7,283			2 Agree
				885			3 Disagree
				95			4 Strongly Disagree
				102			5 No experience
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

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USANSQUX	266	2	AGREE		US36		N Servicing Dr answers all SP questions
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				65			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,217			1 Strongly agree
				7,433			2 Agree
				444			3 Disagree
				54			4 Strongly Disagree
				101			5 No experience
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USCONFID	268	2	AGREE		US37		N SP has great confidence in Dr
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				104			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,717			1 Strongly agree
				6,777			2 Agree
				560			3 Disagree
				68			4 Strongly Disagree
				88			5 No experience
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USDEPEND	270	2	AGREE		US38		N Depend on Dr feel better phys & emotion
				1,098			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				124			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,789			1 Strongly agree
				6,653			2 Agree
				1,438			3 Disagree
				139			4 Strongly Disagree
				168			5 No experience
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
NUSNOTSK	272	2	YES1FMT		US39		N No source of care - seldom or never sick
				10,337			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				742			1 Yes
				332			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			
NUSMOVIN	274	2	YES1FMT		US40		N No source of care - recent move to area
				10,337			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				118			1 Yes
				956			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			

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NUSAVAIL	276	2	YES1FMT		US41		N No source of care - Amer Dr unavailable
				10,337			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				178			1 Yes
				893			2 No
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
USWHYNAV	278	2	WHYFMT		US42		N Why is SP's usual Dr no longer available
				11,237			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				78			1 Previous doctor retired
				34			2 Previous doctor died
				37			3 Previous doctor moved
				13			4 SP moved
				2			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
				13			91 Other
							Note: Applies only if NUSAVAIL = 1
NUSDIFFP	280	2	YES1FMT		US43		N No source of care - like different place
				10,337			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				108			1 Yes
				966			2 No
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
NUSTOOFR	282	2	YES1FMT		US44		N No source of care - places too far away
				10,337			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				95			1 Yes
				975			2 No
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
NUSTOOEX	284	2	YES1FMT		US45		N No source of care - cost too expensive
				10,337			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				258			1 Yes
				813			2 No
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2