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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?
					10,366	. Inapplicable
					12	-8 Don't know
					989	1 Yes
					3,365	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
					11,256	. Inapplicable
					4	-9 Not ascertained
					55	-8 Don't know
					1	-7 Refused
					224	1 Yes
					3,192	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?
					11,480	. Inapplicable
					4	-9 Not ascertained
					66	-8 Don't know
					1	-7 Refused
					800	1 Yes
					2,381	2 No

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

D_ERVIS	18	4	MINFMT	AC5		N Mins altogether for ER visit
					11,778	. Inapplicable
					652	0-60 up to 1 hour
					724	61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
					572	121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
					369	181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
					215	241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
					159	301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
					63	361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
					82	421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
					118	More than 8 hrs

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D_ERWAIT	22	4	SECFMT		AC6		N Mins wait altogether before see ER Dr
				11,667			. Inapplicable
				1,864			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				453			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				130			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				249			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				7			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				63			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				9			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				111			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				179			2 or more hrs

Notes: Applies if ERVISIT=1 or continuing SP had ER visit since last interview
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ERADMT	26	2	YES1FMT		AC7		N Was SP admitted to hospital from ER?
				13,743			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				422			1 Yes
				565			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?
				10,366			. Inapplicable
				9			-8 Don't know
				1,165			1 Yes
				3,192			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
				9,801			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				222			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,779			1 Indicated
				1,925			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
				9,801			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				222			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,045			1 Indicated
				2,659			2 Not indicated

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

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OPDFOLUP	34	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - follow-up
				9,801			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				222			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				465			1 Indicated
				4,239			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDCHKUP	36	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - checkup
				9,801			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				222			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				642			1 Indicated
				4,062			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDRFRL	38	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - referral
				9,801			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				222			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				36			1 Indicated
				4,668			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDSURGY	40	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - surgery
				9,801			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				222			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				372			1 Indicated
				4,332			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDPSHOT	42	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - preventative shot
				9,801			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				25			-8 Don't know
				16			1 Indicated
				4,887			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
OPDTSOT	44	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - treatment shot
				9,801			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				25			-8 Don't know
				10			1 Indicated
				4,893			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
				9,801			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				25			-8 Don't know
				13			1 Indicated
				4,890			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
				9,801			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				222			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				141			1 Indicated
				4,563			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?
				14,275			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				334			1 Yes
				118			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
				9,801			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				259			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				3,985			1 Appointment
				684			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?
				10,747			. Inapplicable
				38			-8 Don't know
				2,384			1 Told to come back during a prior visit
				1,563			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
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13,306	.	Inapplicable
290	0	Didn't have wait
461	1-3	1 to 3 days
131	4-6	4 to 6 days
257	7-9	7 to 9 days
19	10-12	10 to 12 days
132	13-15	13 to 15 days
1	16-18	16 to 18 days
53	19-21	19 to 21 days
82		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?
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10,386	.	Inapplicable
2,102	0-60	up to 1 hour
957	61-120	1 up to 2 hrs
463	121-180	2 up to 3 hrs
344	181-240	3 up to 4 hrs
152	241-300	4 up to 5 hrs
117	301-360	5 up to 6 hrs
56	361-420	6 up to 7 hrs
71	421-480	7 up to 8 hrs
84		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
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10,393	.	Inapplicable
2,605	0-15	Up to 15 minutes
862	15<-30	15 to 30 minutes
211	30<-45	30 to 45 minutes
310	45<-60	45 mins to 1 hr
21	60<-75	1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
70	75<-90	1 hr to 90 mins
12	90<-105	90 min to 1 3/4 hr
114	105<-120	1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
134		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
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10,366	.	Inapplicable
1	-7	Refused
119	1	Yes
4,246	2	No

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NHLRESYY	70	2	YRFMT		AC18		N Yr last resident/patient in nursing home
				14,613			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				113			Four-digit year

Note: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

NHLRESMM	72	2	MONTHFMT		AC18		N Mo last resident/patient in nursing home
				14,613			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				21			-8 Don't know
				0			-5 Never ask again
				1			1 January
				4			2 February
				10			3 March
				8			4 April
				8			5 May
				7			6 June
				12			7 July
				12			8 August
				15			9 September
				9			10 October
				8			11 November
				3			12 December

Note: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

MDVISIT	74	2	YES1FMT		AC19		N Since reference date has SP seen med Dr
				10,366			. Inapplicable
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,573			1 Yes
				782			2 No

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MDSPCLTY	76	2	SPCLFMT			AC20	N MD spec., excl in home/hosp--most recent
				2,096			. Inapplicable
				8			-9 Not ascertained
				350			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				33			1 Allergy & Immunology
				14			2 Anesthesiology
				722			3 Cardiology (heart)
				297			5 Dermatology (skin)
				2			6 Emergency Room physician
				86			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				1,847			8 Family practice
				122			9 Gastroenterology
				3,522			10 General practice
				222			11 General surgery
				49			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				162			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				29			14 Hematology (blood)
				24			15 Hospital residence
				2,050			16 Internal medicine
				108			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				172			18 Neurology
				2			19 Nuclear Medicine
				164			20 Oncology
				901			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				370			22 Orthopaedics
				160			24 Osteopathy
				166			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				1			26 Pathology
				13			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				16			28 Plastic surgery
				12			29 Proctology
				241			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				114			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				28			32 Radiology
				95			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				13			34 Thoracic Surgery
				326			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				0			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				0			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				194			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: This is MDSPCLTY translated into CMS codes.

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MDMCOND	80	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - med condition named
				2,096			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				96			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				7,773			1 Indicated
				4,762			2 Not indicated

Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview

MDTESTS	82	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - tests
				2,096			. Inapplicable
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				96			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,513			1 Indicated
				11,021			2 Not indicated

Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview

MDFOLUP	84	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - follow-up
				2,096			. Inapplicable
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				96			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,032			1 Indicated
				10,502			2 Not indicated

Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview

MDCHKUP	86	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - checkup
				2,096			. Inapplicable
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				96			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				5,249			1 Indicated
				7,285			2 Not indicated

Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview

MDRFRL	88	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - referral
				2,096			. Inapplicable
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				96			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				96			1 Indicated
				12,438			2 Not indicated

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MDSURGY	90	2	IND1FMT	AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - surgery
				2,096		. Inapplicable
				4		-9 Not ascertained
				96		-8 Don't know
				2		-7 Refused
				174		1 Indicated
				12,360		2 Not indicated
						Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
MDPSHOT	92	2	IND1FMT	AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - preventative shot
				2,096		. Inapplicable
				4		-9 Not ascertained
				156		1 Indicated
				12,476		2 Not indicated
						Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
MDTSHOT	94	2	IND1FMT	AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - treatment shot
				2,096		. Inapplicable
				4		-9 Not ascertained
				7		1 Indicated
				12,625		2 Not indicated
						Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
MDPMED	96	2	IND1FMT	AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - medication
				2,096		. Inapplicable
				4		-9 Not ascertained
				41		1 Indicated
				12,591		2 Not indicated
						Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
MDOTHER	98	2	IND1FMT	AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - other
				2,096		. Inapplicable
				4		-9 Not ascertained
				96		-8 Don't know
				2		-7 Refused
				123		1 Indicated
				12,411		2 Not indicated
						Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
MDSCOND	100	2	YES1FMT	AC22		N Was Dr's visit for a specific condition?
				13,359		. Inapplicable
				10		-8 Don't know
				658		1 Yes
				705		2 No
						Note: See Notes to the data for the skip pattern and variable derivation.

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MDAPPT	102	2	APPTFMT		AC24		N Was visit to Dr - appointment/walk - in
				2,096			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				109			-8 Don't know
				11,730			1 Appointment
				794			2 Walked in

Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview

MDDRTEL	104	2	TOLDFMT		AC25		N Someone in Dr office tell SP come back?
				3,002			. Inapplicable
				41			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				6,736			1 Told to come back during a prior visit
				4,952			2 Called for an appointment

Note: Applies only if MDAPPT = 1

D_MDAPPT	106	4	DAYFMT		AC26		N Days - SP waited for Dr's appointment
				9,957			. Inapplicable
				927			0 Didn't have wait
				1,825			1-3 1 to 3 days
				366			4-6 4 to 6 days
				791			7-9 7 to 9 days
				67			10-12 10 to 12 days
				399			13-15 13 to 15 days
				1			16-18 16 to 18 days
				130			19-21 19 to 21 days
				269			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?
				2,689			. Inapplicable
				8,962			0-60 up to 1 hour
				2,249			61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				521			121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				180			181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				59			241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				34			301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				17			361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				5			421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				16			More than 8 hrs

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D_MDWAIT	114	4	SECFMT		AC28		N Mins - SP spent waiting before seeing Dr
				2,676			. Inapplicable
				7,310			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				2,654			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				665			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				656			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				77			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				224			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				57			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				180			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				233			2 or more hrs

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HCTROUBL	118	2	YES2FMT		AC29		N Has SP had troub get needed health care?
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				16			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				634			1 Yes
				14,075			2 No
HCTRC1	120	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 1
				14,098			. Inapplicable
				104			1 SP has no money
				23			2 Cost is too high
				48			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				44			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				24			5 Difficult to get home health care
				38			6 No treatment available
				13			7 Have to wait too long
				36			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				16			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				30			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				4			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
				232			91 Other
				22			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1.

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HCTRC2	122	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 2
				14,659			. Inapplicable
				13			1 SP has no money
				6			2 Cost is too high
				13			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				6			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				1			5 Difficult to get home health care
				3			6 No treatment available
				2			7 Have to wait too long
				6			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				0			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				2			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
				19			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

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

HCTRC3	124	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 3
				14,730			. Inapplicable
				1			1 SP has no money
				0			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?
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				16			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,566			1 Yes
				13,144			2 No

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MCQUALTY	128	2	SAT2FMT			SC1	N Satis w/ qual of med care rec'd last yr
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				27			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				4,697			1 Very satisfied
				8,513			2 Satisfied
				565			3 Dissatisfied
				125			4 Very dissatisfied
				796			5 No experience
MCAVAIL	130	2	SAT2FMT			SC2	N Satis w/ avail med care night & weekends
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				51			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,684			1 Very satisfied
				5,637			2 Satisfied
				429			3 Dissatisfied
				145			4 Very dissatisfied
				6,776			5 No experience
MCEASE	132	2	SAT2FMT			SC3	N Ease of get to Dr from where SP lives
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				22			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,955			1 Very satisfied
				10,132			2 Satisfied
				816			3 Dissatisfied
				190			4 Very dissatisfied
				608			5 No experience
MCCOSTS	134	2	SAT2FMT			SC4	N Satis w/ OOP costs for medical services
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				55			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				2,237			1 Very satisfied
				9,219			2 Satisfied
				1,778			3 Dissatisfied
				623			4 Very dissatisfied
				810			5 No experience
MCINFO	136	2	SAT2FMT			SC5	N Satis w/ info abt what was wrong w/ you
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,763			1 Very satisfied
				10,151			2 Satisfied
				828			3 Dissatisfied
				147			4 Very dissatisfied
				793			5 No experience

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MCFOLUP	138	2	SAT2FMT		SC6		N Satis w/ folowup care after inital treat
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				31			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,721			1 Very satisfied
				9,453			2 Satisfied
				441			3 Dissatisfied
				82			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,995			5 No experience
MCCONCRN	140	2	SAT2FMT		SC7		N Satis w/ Dr's concern for overall health
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				84			-8 Don't know
				6			-7 Refused
				2,968			1 Very satisfied
				9,908			2 Satisfied
				730			3 Dissatisfied
				129			4 Very dissatisfied
				902			5 No experience
MCSAMLOC	142	2	SAT2FMT		SC8		N Satis w/ get med care done same location
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,257			1 Very satisfied
				10,033			2 Satisfied
				746			3 Dissatisfied
				121			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,525			5 No experience
MCDISSFY	144	2	DISAFFMT		SC9		N Things abt med services - dissatis with
				6			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				11,511			1 Not dissatisfied with anything
				3,173			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMDIS1-4

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VCMCDIS1	146	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 1st reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				11,559			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				702			1 Cost of health care
				26			2 Can't afford
				273			3 Services covered
				130			4 Inconvenient location
				395			5 Waiting time
				55			6 Time spent with doctor
				151			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				37			8 Unnecessary tests
				233			9 Doctor's attitude
				111			10 Paperwork
				29			11 Rarely use services
				62			12 Attitude of other medical person
				178			13 Doctor's competence
				75			14 Competence of other medical person
				7			15 No preventative care
				23			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
				682			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCDISSFY = 91

VCMCDIS2	148	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 2nd reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				14,252			. Inapplicable
				50			1 Cost of health care
				29			2 Can't afford
				40			3 Services covered
				22			4 Inconvenient location
				31			5 Waiting time
				24			6 Time spent with doctor
				39			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				8			8 Unnecessary tests
				65			9 Doctor's attitude
				9			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				8			12 Attitude of other medical person
				25			13 Doctor's competence
				17			14 Competence of other medical person
				2			15 No preventative care
				7			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
				104			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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VCMCDIS3	150	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 3rd reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				14,683			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Cost of health care
				0			2 Can't afford
				3			3 Services covered
				3			4 Inconvenient location
				5			5 Waiting time
				2			6 Time spent with doctor
				6			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				1			8 Unnecessary tests
				6			9 Doctor's attitude
				1			10 Paperwork
				1			11 Rarely use services
				1			12 Attitude of other medical person
				6			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
				10			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

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

VCMCDIS4	152	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 4th reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				14,727			. Inapplicable
				1			1 Cost of health care
				0			2 Can't afford
				0			3 Services covered
				0			4 Inconvenient location
				0			5 Waiting time
				2			6 Time spent with doctor
				0			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				0			8 Unnecessary tests
				0			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
				2			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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MCIMPROV	154	2	IMPROFMT		SC10		N Things abt med services need improvement
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				92			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				11,442			1 No improvement
				3,189			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMCIMP1-4
VCMCIMP1	156	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 1st aspect of med svcs to be improved
				11,543			. Inapplicable
				14			-8 Don't know
				585			1 Reduce cost
				9			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				476			3 Expansion of covered services
				47			4 More convenient location
				397			5 Reduce wait time
				111			6 More time spent with patients
				63			7 More thorough exam
				16			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				222			9 Improve attitude: physician
				69			10 Reduce paperwork
				32			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				72			12 Improve competence of physician
				51			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				126			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				17			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
				882			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCIMPROV = 91

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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
VCMCIMP2	158	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 2nd aspect of med svcs to be improved
				14,390			. Inapplicable
				41			1 Reduce cost
				4			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				55			3 Expansion of covered services
				1			4 More convenient location
				24			5 Reduce wait time
				24			6 More time spent with patients
				18			7 More thorough exam
				7			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				43			9 Improve attitude: physician
				5			10 Reduce paperwork
				18			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				5			12 Improve competence of physician
				9			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				16			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
				71			91 Other
				1			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

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

VCMCIMP3	160	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 3rd aspect of med svcs to be improved
				14,709			. Inapplicable
				2			1 Reduce cost
				0			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				2			3 Expansion of covered services
				0			4 More convenient location
				1			5 Reduce wait time
				1			6 More time spent with patients
				2			7 More thorough exam
				2			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				2			9 Improve attitude: physician
				0			10 Reduce paperwork
				2			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				0			12 Improve competence of physician
				1			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				1			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
				7			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1

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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
MCRAPPT	172	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't get appoint
				13,106			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				95			1 Indicated
				1,528			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRAVAIL	174	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no Dr available
				13,106			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				82			1 Indicated
				1,541			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
				13,106			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				159			1 Indicated
				1,464			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRFAMILY	178	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't leave family
				13,106			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				46			1 Indicated
				1,577			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCDRRCDM	180	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think can't do much
				13,106			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				309			1 Indicated
				1,314			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRFEAR	182	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - feared what's wrong
				13,106			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				183			1 Indicated
				1,440			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			

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MCDRCHG	184	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - charge>Medicare pay
				13,106			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				140			1 Indicated
				1,483			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1							
MCRACCP	186	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - accept no Medicaid
				13,106			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				50			1 Indicated
				1,573			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1							
MCROTHR	188	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - other
				13,106			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				172			1 Indicated
				1,451			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1							
MCRMAIN	190	2	NODOCFMT		SC14		N Main reason SP not see Dr abt condition?
				14,112			. Inapplicable
				94			1 Problem not serious
				190			2 Costs too much
				12			3 Didn't have time
				26			4 Appointment not soon enough
				16			5 No doctor available
				42			6 No way to doctor
				12			7 Couldn't leave other family member
				71			8 SP thought Dr couldn't do much abt prob
				57			9 SP afraid of finding out what was wrong
				19			10 Dr charges more than Medicare pays
				15			11 SP couldn't find Dr to accept Medicaid
				9			12 Afraid of doctor
				3			13 Afraid of hospital
				10			14 Didn't care
				0			15 Needed house call
				44			91 Other, specify
Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1							
PLACEPAR	192	2	YES2FMT		US1		N Does SP go particular place for med care
				8			-9 Not ascertained
				9			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				13,483			1 Yes
				1,228			2 No

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PLACEKND	194	2	PLACEFMT		US2		N Kind of place SP usually go for med care
				1,249			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				10,178			1 Doctor's office or group practice
				1,301			2 Doctor's clinic
				682			3 HMO
				202			4 Neighborhood or family health center
				1			5 Freestanding surgery center
				23			6 Rural Health Clinic
				21			7 Company clinic
				119			8 Other clinic
				28			9 Walk-in urgent care center
				51			10 At home
				83			11 Hospital emergency room
				492			12 Hospital outpatient department
				248			13 Veterans' Administration facility
				3			14 Mental health center
				48			91 Other, specify

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USUALDOC	196	2	YES1FMT		US4		N Is there particular Dr SP usually sees
				11,478			. Inapplicable
				8			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				2,471			1 Yes
				765			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
				3,499			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				253			-8 Don't know
				135			-1 Inapplicable
				12			1 Allergy & Immunology
				4			2 Anesthesiology
				523			3 Cardiology (heart)
				9			5 Dermatology (skin)
				0			6 Emergency Room physician
				74			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				2,452			8 Family practice
				67			9 Gastroenterology
				4,129			10 General practice
				117			11 General surgery
				59			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				38			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				17			14 Hematology (blood)
				8			15 Hospital residence
				2,648			16 Internal medicine
				61			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				49			18 Neurology
				1			19 Nuclear Medicine
				47			20 Oncology
				15			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				35			22 Orthopaedics
				174			24 Osteopathy
				5			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				0			26 Pathology
				7			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				2			28 Plastic surgery
				1			29 Proctology
				67			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				76			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				1			32 Radiology
				56			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				2			34 Thoracic Surgery
				37			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				0			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				0			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				50			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: This is D_USSPCW translated into CMS codes.

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

1,300	. Inapplicable
1,351	-8 Don't know
830	1 Yes
11,251	2 No

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

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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
GETUSHOW	204	2	GODRFMT		US8		N How does SP usually get to Dr's office?
				1,300			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				475			1 Walking
				7,300			2 Driving
				4,755			3 Being driven
				149			4 Ambulance or other special vehicle
				180			5 Taxi
				491			6 Other public transportation
				26			7 Doctor comes to home
				19			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
				1,392			. Inapplicable
				7,755			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				4,072			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				749			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				411			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				44			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				109			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				19			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				83			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				98			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
				1,328			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				6,399			1 Yes
				7,003			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?
				8,333			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample person
				2,764			2 Spouse
				448			3 Son
				1,305			4 Daughter
				73			5 Brother
				271			6 Sister
				59			7 Father
				247			8 Mother
				25			9 Son-in-law
				153			10 Daughter-in-law
				32			11 Grandson
				99			12 Granddaughter
				39			13 Nephew
				85			14 Niece
				43			50 Partner/roommate
				394			51 Friend/neighbor
				4			52 Boarder
				26			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				1			54 Legal/financial officer
				6			55 Guardian
				122			91 Other relative
				201			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?
				2,179			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				353			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,653			1 To SP
				10,010			2 To doctor
				532			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
				2,711			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				695			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,019			1 Yes
				9,304			2 No

Note: Inapplicable if USMCCHK = 3 or .

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Note: Applies only if PREVMEDC = 1

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PREVNOGO	228	2	WHYFMT		US19		N Why SP no see previous Dr/place anymore
				13,736			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				175			1 Previous doctor retired
				31			2 Previous doctor died
				145			3 Previous doctor moved
				133			4 SP moved
				65			5 Prev doctor/provider too far away
				20			6 Prev Dr/provider charge > Mcare paid
				228			7 Dissatisfied w/prev Dr/provider
				48			8 SP joined HMO
				18			9 SP changed insurance company
				38			10 Doctor changed practice
				93			91 Other

Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 2

PREVSAC1	230	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 1st reason why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				14,504			. Inapplicable
				9			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				38			2 Ineffective treatment
				60			3 Att/person prob
				20			4 Too long to wait
				3			5 Cost
				6			6 Distance/conven
				92			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
				14,705			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				3			2 Ineffective treatment
				8			3 Att/person prob
				5			4 Too long to wait
				1			5 Cost
				1			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
				14,732			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				0			2 Ineffective treatment
				0			3 Att/person prob
				0			4 Too long to wait
				0			5 Cost
				0			6 Distance/conven
				0			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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PREVREAS	236	2	PREVFMT		US21		N Main reason go to usual Dr over other Dr
				13,736			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				276			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				289			2 Ineffective treatment
				13			3 Att/person prob
				146			4 Too long to wait
				126			5 Cost
				0			6 Distance/conven
				145			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Inapplicable if PREVNOGO = .

REFERDOC	238	2	YES1FMT		US22		N Refer to usual Dr by other Dr/med person
				14,557			. Inapplicable
				108			1 Yes
				67			2 No

Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 1 or -8

RECOMDOC	240	2	YES1FMT		US23		N Did family/friends recommend Dr/place?
				14,557			. Inapplicable
				41			1 Yes
				134			2 No

Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 1 or -8

USCHGMOR	242	2	YES1FMT		US24		N Know Dr may charge > Medicare approves
				13,693			. Inapplicable
				32			-8 Don't know
				200			1 Yes
				807			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?
				5,658			. Inapplicable
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				123			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				7,670			1 Yes
				1,017			2 No
				51			3 Sometimes
				208			4 Claims not filed for this doctor

Note: Applies if PLACEKND=X14333, 13 & PREVREAS=1 or REFERDOC=1 & SP has priv

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USDEPEND	270	2	AGREE		US38		N Depend on Dr feel better phys & emotion
				1,249			. Inapplicable
				184			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,503			1 Strongly agree
				8,752			2 Agree
				1,667			3 Disagree
				168			4 Strongly Disagree
				206			5 No experience
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1
NUSNOTSK	272	2	YES1FMT		US39		N No source of care - seldom or never sick
				13,504			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				809			1 Yes
				414			2 No
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
NUSMOVIN	274	2	YES1FMT		US40		N No source of care - recent move to area
				13,504			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				121			1 Yes
				1,105			2 No
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
NUSAVAIL	276	2	YES1FMT		US41		N No source of care - Amer Dr unavailable
				13,504			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				230			1 Yes
				994			2 No
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
USWHYNAV	278	2	WHYFMT		US42		N Why is SP's usual Dr no longer available
				14,502			. Inapplicable
				91			1 Previous doctor retired
				46			2 Previous doctor died
				57			3 Previous doctor moved
				13			4 SP moved
				3			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

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NUSDIFFP	280	2	YES1FMT		US43		N No source of care - like different place
				13,504			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				7			-8 Don't know
				141			1 Yes
				1,079			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			
NUSTOOFR	282	2	YES1FMT		US44		N No source of care - places too far away
				13,504			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				78			1 Yes
				1,145			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			
NUSTOOEX	284	2	YES1FMT		US45		N No source of care - cost too expensive
				13,504			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				223			1 Yes
				1,001			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			