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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

16,518 LOW-HIGH BASEID Count

ERVISIT	12	2	YES1FMT	AC1		N Since refer date did SP go ER for care?
					9,444	. Inapplicable
					11	-8 Don't know
					1	-7 Refused
					1,465	1 Yes
					5,597	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
					12,694	. Inapplicable
					2	-9 Not ascertained
					51	-8 Don't know
					254	1 Yes
					3,517	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?
					12,948	. Inapplicable
					2	-9 Not ascertained
					70	-8 Don't know
					946	1 Yes
					2,552	2 No

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

D_ERVIS	18	4	MINFMT	AC5		N Mins altogether for ER visit
					13,220	. Inapplicable
					633	0-60 up to 1 hour
					759	61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
					620	121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
					476	181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
					288	241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
					198	301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
					65	361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
					107	421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
					152	More than 8 hrs

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D_ERWAIT	22	4	SECFMT		AC6		N Mins wait altogether before see ER Dr
				13,101			. Inapplicable
				2,139			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				473			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				151			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				266			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				8			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				74			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				8			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				120			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				178			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?
				15,053			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				660			1 Yes
				804			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?
				9,444			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				16			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,828			1 Yes
				5,228			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
				11,279			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				216			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,719			1 Indicated
				2,300			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
				11,279			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				216			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,255			1 Indicated
				2,764			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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OPDTSOT	44	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - treatment shot
				11,279			. Inapplicable
				6			-9 Not ascertained
				216			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				12			1 Indicated
				5,004			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
				11,279			. Inapplicable
				6			-9 Not ascertained
				216			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				12			1 Indicated
				5,004			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
				11,279			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				216			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				102			1 Indicated
				4,917			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?
				15,750			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				542			1 Yes
				222			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
				11,279			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				205			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				4,329			1 Appointment
				701			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?
				12,189			. Inapplicable
				43			-8 Don't know
				2,614			1 Told to come back during a prior visit
				1,672			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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14,983	.	Inapplicable
289	0	Didn't have wait
481	1-3	1 to 3 days
157	4-6	4 to 6 days
302	7-9	7 to 9 days
23	10-12	10 to 12 days
154	13-15	13 to 15 days
0	16-18	16 to 18 days
49	19-21	19 to 21 days
80		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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11,808	.	Inapplicable
2,308	0-60	up to 1 hour
1,000	61-120	1 up to 2 hrs
490	121-180	2 up to 3 hrs
330	181-240	3 up to 4 hrs
205	241-300	4 up to 5 hrs
146	301-360	5 up to 6 hrs
61	361-420	6 up to 7 hrs
64	421-480	7 up to 8 hrs
106		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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11,789	.	Inapplicable
2,988	0-15	Up to 15 minutes
894	15<-30	15 to 30 minutes
212	30<-45	30 to 45 minutes
294	45<-60	45 mins to 1 hr
21	60<-75	1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
87	75<-90	1 hr to 90 mins
10	90<-105	90 min to 1 3/4 hr
104	105<-120	1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
119		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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9,444	.	Inapplicable
4	-8	Don't know
1	-7	Refused
191	1	Yes
6,878	2	No

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NHLRESYY	70	2	YRFMT		AC18		N Yr last resident/patient in nursing home
				16,327			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				182			Four-digit year

Note: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

NHLRESMM	72	2	MONTHFMT		AC18		N Mo last resident/patient in nursing home
				16,327			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				42			-8 Don't know
				0			-5 Never ask again
				12			1 January
				10			2 February
				13			3 March
				18			4 April
				12			5 May
				9			6 June
				8			7 July
				14			8 August
				11			9 September
				22			10 October
				12			11 November
				7			12 December

Note: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

MDVISIT	74	2	YES1FMT		AC19		N Since reference date has SP seen med Dr
				9,444			. Inapplicable
				8			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				6,058			1 Yes
				1,007			2 No

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MDSPCLTY	76	2	SPCLFMT		AC20		N MD spec., excl in home/hosp--most recent
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				314			-8 Don't know
				40			1 Allergy & Immunology
				8			2 Anesthesiology
				816			3 Cardiology (heart)
				332			5 Dermatology (skin)
				1			6 Emergency Room physician
				121			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				2,011			8 Family practice
				131			9 Gastroenterology
				4,427			10 General practice
				242			11 General surgery
				60			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				195			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				29			14 Hematology (blood)
				14			15 Hospital residence
				2,389			16 Internal medicine
				106			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				214			18 Neurology
				4			19 Nuclear Medicine
				223			20 Oncology
				864			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				457			22 Orthopaedics
				202			24 Osteopathy
				163			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				2			26 Pathology
				9			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				20			28 Plastic surgery
				15			29 Proctology
				219			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				143			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				7			32 Radiology
				139			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				20			34 Thoracic Surgery
				356			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				0			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				0			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				136			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
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				58			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				8,656			1 Indicated
				5,714			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
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				58			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,472			1 Indicated
				12,898			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
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				58			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,389			1 Indicated
				11,981			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
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				58			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				5,852			1 Indicated
				8,518			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
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				58			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				122			1 Indicated
				14,248			2 Not indicated

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



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MDSURGY	90	2	IND1FMT	AC21			N Reason Dr was seen - surgery
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				58			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				173			1 Indicated
				14,197			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
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				12			-9 Not ascertained
				58			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				159			1 Indicated
				14,201			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview			
MDTSOT	94	2	IND1FMT	AC21			N Reason Dr was seen - treatment shot
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				12			-9 Not ascertained
				58			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				19			1 Indicated
				14,341			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
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				12			-9 Not ascertained
				58			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				42			1 Indicated
				14,318			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
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				58			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				66			1 Indicated
				14,304			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview			

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MDSCOND	100	2	YES1FMT		AC22		N Was Dr's visit for a specific condition?
				13,928			. Inapplicable
				11			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,246			1 Yes
				1,331			2 No

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

MDAPPT	102	2	APPTFMT		AC24		N Was visit to Dr - appointment/walk - in
				2,086			. Inapplicable
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				71			-8 Don't know
				13,547			1 Appointment
				809			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?
				2,971			. Inapplicable
				50			-8 Don't know
				8,071			1 Told to come back during a prior visit
				5,426			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
				11,269			. Inapplicable
				920			0 Didn't have wait
				2,012			1-3 1 to 3 days
				452			4-6 4 to 6 days
				809			7-9 7 to 9 days
				97			10-12 10 to 12 days
				483			13-15 13 to 15 days
				1			16-18 16 to 18 days
				155			19-21 19 to 21 days
				320			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?
				2,637			. Inapplicable
				10,630			0-60 up to 1 hour
				2,457			61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				520			121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				162			181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				54			241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				23			301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				9			361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				7			421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				19			More than 8 hrs

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D_MDWAIT	114	4	SECFMT		AC28		N Mins - SP spent waiting before seeing Dr
				2,633			. Inapplicable
				8,533			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				3,209			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				751			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				688			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				64			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				253			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				56			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				165			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				166			2 or more hrs

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HCTROUBL	118	2	YES2FMT		AC29		N Has SP had troub get needed health care?
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				14			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				673			1 Yes
				15,819			2 No
HCTRC1	120	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 1
				15,845			. Inapplicable
				75			1 SP has no money
				24			2 Cost is too high
				99			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				34			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				29			5 Difficult to get home health care
				30			6 No treatment available
				45			7 Have to wait too long
				18			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				8			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				11			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				9			11 Referred to specialist
				7			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				7			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				8			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				269			91 Other
				0			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
				16,390			. Inapplicable
				19			1 SP has no money
				3			2 Cost is too high
				17			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				7			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				2			5 Difficult to get home health care
				4			6 No treatment available
				0			7 Have to wait too long
				1			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				2			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				1			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				2			11 Referred to specialist
				0			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				1			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				0			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				69			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
				16,507			. Inapplicable
				1			1 SP has no money
				0			2 Cost is too high
				0			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
				1			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
				9			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?
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				9			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,331			1 Yes
				15,166			2 No

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HEARMHMO	128	2	YES1FMT			HIMC1aa	N Heard of HMO that Medicare bene can join
				3,904			. Inapplicable
				10			-9 Not ascertained
				62			-8 Don't know
				6,029			1 Yes
				6,513			2 No

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AREAMHMO	130	2	YES1FMT			HIMC1bb	N HMO in area that Medicare bene can join?
				10,489			. Inapplicable
				936			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				4,474			1 Yes
				617			2 No

Notes: Applies only if HEARMHMO = 1  
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HICHOICE	132	2	SAT2FMT			HIMC1cc	N How satisfied is SP w/ Medicare choices?
				6,585			. Missing
				1,696			-8 Don't know
				15			-7 Refused
				1,360			1 Very satisfied
				5,909			2 Satisfied
				710			3 Dissatisfied
				243			4 Very dissatisfied
				0			5 No experience

Notes: Applies only if SP never enrolled or is not now enrolled in Medicare HMO  
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HIINFO	134	2	SAT1FMT			HIMC1dd	N How satisfied is SP w/ info abt choices
				6,585			. Inapplicable
				952			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				1,351			1 Very satisfied
				6,897			2 Satisfied
				615			3 Dissatisfied
				111			4 Very dissatisfied
				0			5 No experience

Notes: Applies only if HEARMHMO = 1 or .  
First available in 1996

HIADDINF	136	2	HIADDFMT			HIMC1ee	N Addl info on hlth coverage info SP wants
				6,585			. Inapplicable
				123			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				8,565			1 No additional info needed/wanted
				1,243			91 Record all other responses verbatim

Notes: Applies only if HEARMHMO = 1 or .  
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VCHIADD1	138	2	HIADCFMT			HIMClee	N Kind of additional information wanted #1
				15,275			. Inapplicable
				11			-8 Don't know
				227			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				101			2 List of doctors and credentials
				17			3 Location / transportation
				65			4 Cost issues
				68			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				23			6 Availability of referrals
				296			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				21			8 Include people with special cond
				10			9 Quality of the care
				124			10 General clear information
				280			91 Other specified coverage info
				0			92 No additional information needed
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if HIADDINF = 91  
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VCHIADD2	140	2	HIADCFMT			HIMClee	N Kind of additional information wanted #2
				16,273			. Inapplicable
				42			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				20			2 List of doctors and credentials
				12			3 Location / transportation
				39			4 Cost issues
				22			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				14			6 Availability of referrals
				43			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				9			8 Include people with special cond
				4			9 Quality of the care
				8			10 General clear information
				32			91 Other specified coverage info
				0			92 No additional information needed
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if HIADDINF = 91 and 2nd reason was given  
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VCHIADD3	142	2	HIADCFMT			HIMClee	N Kind of additional information wanted #3
				16,473			. Inapplicable
				7			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				5			2 List of doctors and credentials
				2			3 Location / transportation
				4			4 Cost issues
				5			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				3			6 Availability of referrals
				6			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				0			8 Include people with special cond
				2			9 Quality of the care
				0			10 General clear information
				11			91 Other specified coverage info
				0			92 No additional information needed
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if HIADDINF = 91 and 3rd reason was given  
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VCHIADD4	144	2	HIADCFMT			HIMClee	N Kind of additional information wanted #4
				16,511			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				0			2 List of doctors and credentials
				0			3 Location / transportation
				1			4 Cost issues
				1			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				1			6 Availability of referrals
				0			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				0			8 Include people with special cond
				0			9 Quality of the care
				1			10 General clear information
				3			91 Other specified coverage info
				0			92 No additional information needed
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if HIADDINF = 91 and 4th reason was given  
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JOINMHMO	146	2	YES1FMT			HIMC1ff	N Ever considered joining an HMO?
				11,106			. Inapplicable
				23			-8 Don't know
				1,006			1 Yes
				4,383			2 No

Notes: Applies to initial interviews of new panel SPs where AREAMHMO = 2  
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VCJOIN1	148	2	JOINCFMT			HIMC1gg	N 1st reason SP hasn't considered an HMO
				12,135			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				35			-8 Don't know
				541			10 Satisfied with current situation
				1,317			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				404			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				209			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				1			19 Satisfied / other reason
				337			20 Negative to HMOs
				187			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				268			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				75			23 Negative / higher costs
				18			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				29			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				49			29 Negative / other
				520			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				138			31 Don't know enough
				30			32 No HMO in area
				30			33 Dont like change
				40			34 Health is good - don't need
				10			39 Indifferent / other
				143			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if JOINMHMO = 2  
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VCJOIN2	150	2	JOINCFMT			HIMC1gg	N 2nd reason SP hasn't considered an HMO
				15,709			. Inapplicable
				38			10 Satisfied with current situation
				96			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				91			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				77			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				5			19 Satisfied / other reason
				69			20 Negative to HMOs
				89			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				126			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				22			23 Negative / higher costs
				12			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				10			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				24			29 Negative / other
				40			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				21			31 Don't know enough
				4			32 No HMO in area
				32			33 Dont like change
				11			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				42			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if JOINMHMO = 2 and 2nd reason was given  
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VCJOIN3	152	2	JOINCFMT			HIMC1gg	N 3rd reason SP hasn't considered an HMO
				16,460			. Inapplicable
				0			10 Satisfied with current situation
				1			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				8			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				8			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				3			20 Negative to HMOs
				4			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				15			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				1			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				0			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				6			29 Negative / other
				3			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				1			31 Don't know enough
				0			32 No HMO in area
				4			33 Dont like change
				0			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				4			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if JOINMHMO = 2 and 3rd reason was given  
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VCJOIN4	154	2	JOINCFMT			HIMC1gg	N 4th reason SP hasn't considered an HMO
				16,515			. Inapplicable
				0			10 Satisfied with current situation
				0			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				0			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				0			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				0			20 Negative to HMOs
				0			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				1			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				0			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				0			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				0			29 Negative / other
				1			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				0			31 Don't know enough
				0			32 No HMO in area
				0			33 Dont like change
				0			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				1			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if JOINMHMO = 2 and 4th reason was given  
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IFMHMO	156	2	YES1FMT			HIMC1hh	N If HMO in area would SP consider joining
				15,901			. Inapplicable
				96			-8 Don't know
				169			1 Yes
				352			2 No

Notes: Applies to initial interviews of new panel SPs where AREAMHMO = 2  
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VCIFMH1	158	2	JOINCFMT			HIMC1ii	N 1st reason SP wouldn't join an HMO
				16,166			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				46			10 Satisfied with current situation
				77			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				27			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				30			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				33			20 Negative to HMOs
				19			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				27			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				8			23 Negative / higher costs
				2			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				2			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				7			29 Negative / other
				31			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				13			31 Don't know enouth
				3			32 No HMO in area
				3			33 Dont like change
				2			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				20			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if IFMHMO = 2  
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VCIFMH2	160	2	JOINCFMT			HIMC1ii	N 2nd reason SP wouldn't join an HMO
				16,462			. Inapplicable
				2			10 Satisfied with current situation
				3			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				5			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				8			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				2			20 Negative to HMOs
				7			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				10			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				2			23 Negative / higher costs
				1			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				1			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				5			29 Negative / other
				2			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				1			31 Don't know enouth
				1			32 No HMO in area
				4			33 Dont like change
				1			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				1			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if IFMHMO = 2 and 2nd reason was given  
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VCIFMH3	162	2	JOINCFMT			HIMC1ii	N 3rd reason SP wouldn't join an HMO
				16,512			. Inapplicable
				0			10 Satisfied with current situation
				0			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				0			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				1			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				1			20 Negative to HMOs
				3			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				0			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				0			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				0			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				1			29 Negative / other
				0			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				0			31 Don't know enough
				0			32 No HMO in area
				0			33 Dont like change
				0			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				0			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if IFMHMO = 2 and 3rd reason was given  
First available in 1996

VCIFMH4	164	2	JOINCFMT			HIMC1ii	N 4th reason SP wouldn't join an HMO
				16,518			. Inapplicable
				0			10 Satisfied with current situation
				0			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				0			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				0			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				0			20 Negative to HMOs
				0			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				0			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				0			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				0			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				0			29 Negative / other
				0			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				0			31 Don't know enough
				0			32 No HMO in area
				0			33 Dont like change
				0			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				0			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

Notes: Applies only if IFMHMO = 2 and 4th reason was given  
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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
MCQUALTY	166	2	SAT2FMT		SC1		N Satis w/ qual of med care rec'd last yr
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				38			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				4,863			1 Very satisfied
				10,111			2 Satisfied
				591			3 Dissatisfied
				130			4 Very dissatisfied
				771			5 No experience
MCAVAIL	168	2	SAT2FMT		SC2		N Satis w/ avail med care night & weekends
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				106			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,787			1 Very satisfied
				6,632			2 Satisfied
				435			3 Dissatisfied
				127			4 Very dissatisfied
				7,419			5 No experience
MCEASE	170	2	SAT2FMT		SC3		N Ease of get to Dr from where SP lives
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				29			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				3,137			1 Very satisfied
				11,811			2 Satisfied
				795			3 Dissatisfied
				167			4 Very dissatisfied
				566			5 No experience
MCCOSTS	172	2	SAT2FMT		SC4		N Satis w/ OOP costs for medical services
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				77			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,852			1 Very satisfied
				10,553			2 Satisfied
				1,533			3 Dissatisfied
				454			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,036			5 No experience
MCINFO	174	2	SAT2FMT		SC5		N Satis w/ info abt what was wrong w/ you
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				59			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,898			1 Very satisfied
				11,764			2 Satisfied
				828			3 Dissatisfied
				181			4 Very dissatisfied
				776			5 No experience

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MCFOLUP	176	2	SAT2FMT		SC6		N Satis w/ folowup care after inital treat
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				45			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,958			1 Very satisfied
				10,844			2 Satisfied
				445			3 Dissatisfied
				103			4 Very dissatisfied
				2,111			5 No experience
MCCONCRN	178	2	SAT2FMT		SC7		N Satis w/ Dr's concern for overall health
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				99			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				3,136			1 Very satisfied
				11,532			2 Satisfied
				741			3 Dissatisfied
				142			4 Very dissatisfied
				855			5 No experience
MCSAMLOC	180	2	SAT2FMT		SC8		N Satis w/ get med care done same location
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				59			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,453			1 Very satisfied
				11,542			2 Satisfied
				677			3 Dissatisfied
				113			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,661			5 No experience
MCSPECAR	182	2	SAT2FMT		SC8a		N Satis w/ avail of care by specialists
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				93			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,909			1 Very satisfied
				10,690			2 Satisfied
				479			3 Dissatisfied
				149			4 Very dissatisfied
				2,186			5 No experience

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MCTELANS	184	2	SAT2FMT			SC8b	N Ease w/ get treat/presc answers on phone
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				81			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,998			1 Very satisfied
				9,574			2 Satisfied
				635			3 Dissatisfied
				214			4 Very dissatisfied
				4,004			5 No experience
Note: First available in 1996							
MCDISSFY	186	2	DISAFFMT			SC9	N Things abt med services - dissatis with
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				33			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				13,190			1 Not dissatisfied with anything
				3,283			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMDIS1-4
VCMDIS1	188	2	VERBAFMT			SC9	N 1st reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				13,235			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				565			1 Cost of health care
				31			2 Can't afford
				261			3 Services covered
				83			4 Inconvenient location
				362			5 Waiting time
				98			6 Time spent with doctor
				69			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				24			8 Unnecessary tests
				242			9 Doctor's attitude
				58			10 Paperwork
				25			11 Rarely use services
				56			12 Attitude of other medical person
				154			13 Doctor's competence
				97			14 Competence of other medical person
				15			15 No preventative care
				31			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				20			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				4			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				12			19 HMO restrictions on services
				11			20 Cant see same HMO prov / no prov choice
				1,060			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCDISSFY = 91

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VCMCDIS2	190	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 2nd reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				15,972			. Inapplicable
				59			1 Cost of health care
				22			2 Can't afford
				59			3 Services covered
				7			4 Inconvenient location
				28			5 Waiting time
				34			6 Time spent with doctor
				31			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				5			8 Unnecessary tests
				43			9 Doctor's attitude
				9			10 Paperwork
				1			11 Rarely use services
				34			12 Attitude of other medical person
				43			13 Doctor's competence
				29			14 Competence of other medical person
				3			15 No preventative care
				6			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				2			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				0			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				5			19 HMO restrictions on services
				2			20 Cant see same HMO prov / no prov choice
				124			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	192	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 3rd reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				16,446			. Inapplicable
				3			1 Cost of health care
				1			2 Can't afford
				4			3 Services covered
				1			4 Inconvenient location
				3			5 Waiting time
				9			6 Time spent with doctor
				5			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				3			8 Unnecessary tests
				7			9 Doctor's attitude
				0			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				8			12 Attitude of other medical person
				6			13 Doctor's competence
				3			14 Competence of other medical person
				2			15 No preventative care
				2			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				1			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
				14			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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VCMDIS4	194	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 4th reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				16,507			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Cost of health care
				0			2 Can't afford
				1			3 Services covered
				0			4 Inconvenient location
				0			5 Waiting time
				0			6 Time spent with doctor
				1			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				0			8 Unnecessary tests
				3			9 Doctor's attitude
				1			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				1			12 Attitude of other medical person
				0			13 Doctor's competence
				2			14 Competence of other medical person
				0			15 No preventative care
				1			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	196	2	IMPROFMT		SC10		N Things abt med services need improvement
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				106			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				13,305			1 No improvement
				3,095			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMCIMP1-4



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VCMCIMP1	198	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 1st aspect of med svcs to be improved
				13,423			. Inapplicable
				13			-8 Don't know
				387			1 Reduce cost
				5			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				409			3 Expansion of covered services
				51			4 More convenient location
				469			5 Reduce wait time
				144			6 More time spent with patients
				27			7 More thorough exam
				16			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				288			9 Improve attitude: physician
				44			10 Reduce paperwork
				49			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				69			12 Improve competence of physician
				30			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				68			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				14			15 Rarely use services
				12			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				13			17 Referral process at HMO
				0			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				987			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCIMPROV = 91

VCMCIMP2	200	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 2nd aspect of med svcs to be improved
				16,108			. Inapplicable
				34			1 Reduce cost
				1			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				119			3 Expansion of covered services
				4			4 More convenient location
				31			5 Reduce wait time
				37			6 More time spent with patients
				12			7 More thorough exam
				3			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				49			9 Improve attitude: physician
				5			10 Reduce paperwork
				17			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				16			12 Improve competence of physician
				13			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				5			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				0			15 Rarely use services
				0			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				1			17 Referral process at HMO
				0			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				63			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	202	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 3rd aspect of med svcs to be improved
				16,492			. Inapplicable
				3			1 Reduce cost
				0			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				6			3 Expansion of covered services
				0			4 More convenient location
				2			5 Reduce wait time
				2			6 More time spent with patients
				1			7 More thorough exam
				0			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				3			9 Improve attitude: physician
				0			10 Reduce paperwork
				3			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				1			12 Improve competence of physician
				0			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
				4			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

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

VCMCIMP4	204	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 4th aspect of med svcs to be improved
				16,516			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Reduce cost
				0			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				1			3 Expansion of covered services
				0			4 More convenient location
				1			5 Reduce wait time
				0			6 More time spent with patients
				0			7 More thorough exam
				0			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				0			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

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MCWORRY	206	2	TRUE2FMT	SC10a			N Worry abt hlth more than others your age
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				232			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				3,276			1 True
				12,997			2 False
				Note: First available in 1996			
MCAVOID	208	2	TRUE2FMT	SC10b			N Do almost anything to avoid going to Dr
				9			. Missing
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				68			-8 Don't know
				5,107			1 True
				11,331			2 False
				Note: First available in 1996			
MCSICK	210	2	TRUE2FMT	SC10c			N When sick - try keeping sickness to self
				9			. Missing
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				110			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				6,368			1 True
				10,027			2 False
				Note: First available in 1996			
MCDRSOON	212	2	TRUE2FMT	SC10d			N Usually go to Dr as soon as you feel bad
				9			. Missing
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				100			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				6,530			1 True
				9,872			2 False
				Note: First available in 1996			
MCDRNSEE	214	2	YES2FMT	SC11			N Hlth prob think Dr should see but didn't
				9			. Missing
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				30			-8 Don't know
				1,648			1 Yes
				14,828			2 No
MCRNSERS	216	2	IND1FMT	SC13			N Reason Dr not seen - think not serious
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				605			1 Indicated
				1,039			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			

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MRCRCOST	218	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think cost too much
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				403			1 Indicated
				1,241			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRTIME	220	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - didn't have time
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				91			1 Indicated
				1,553			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRAPPT	222	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't get appoint
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				74			1 Indicated
				1,570			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
M CRAVAIL	224	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no Dr available
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				58			1 Indicated
				1,586			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRWAY	226	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no way to get to Dr
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				140			1 Indicated
				1,504			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRFAMILY	228	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't leave family
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				42			1 Indicated
				1,602			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			

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MCDRCDM	230	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think can't do much
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				326			1 Indicated
				1,318			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRFEAR	232	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - feared what's wrong
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				196			1 Indicated
				1,448			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCDRCHG	234	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - charge>Medicare pay
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				79			1 Indicated
				1,565			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRACPT	236	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - accept no Medicaid
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				29			1 Indicated
				1,615			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRDOCTR	238	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - don't trust/afraid
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				18			1 Indicated
				1,624			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
				First available in 1996			
MCRHOSP	240	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - fear be put in hosp
				14,870			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				5			1 Indicated
				1,637			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
				First available in 1996			

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PMNOTGET	250	2	YES2FMT		SC15		N Were there presc medicines SP didn't get
				9			. Missing
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				19			-8 Don't know
				521			1 Yes
				15,966			2 No
				Note: First available in 1996			
PMNAME1	252	25			SC16		C Name of medicine didn't get this yr - 1
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996			
PMNAME2	277	25			SC16		C Name of medicine didn't get this yr - 2
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 or no 2nd prescription was named. First available in 1996			
PMNAME3	302	25			SC16		C Name of medicine didn't get this yr - 3
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 or no 3rd prescription was named. First available in 1996			
PMNAME4	327	25			SC16		C Name of medicine didn't get this yr - 4
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 or no 4th prescription was named. First available in 1996			
PMNAME5	352	25			SC16		C Name of medicine didn't get this yr - 5
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 or no 5th prescription was named. First available in 1996			
PMNOCOND	377	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - not for condition
				15,997			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				81			1 Indicated
				437			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996			
PMCOST	379	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - medicine too costly
				15,997			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				259			1 Indicated
				259			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996			

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Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1  
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PMNOHELP	391	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - won't help condition
				15,997			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				45			1 Indicated
				473			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			
PMREACT	393	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - feared reaction
				15,997			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				69			1 Indicated
				449			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			
PMNONEED	395	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - got better - no need
				15,997			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				31			1 Indicated
				487			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			
PMNOLIKE	397	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - dislike taking meds
				15,997			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				31			1 Indicated
				487			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			
PMOTHER	399	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - other
				15,997			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				56			1 Indicated
				462			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			
PMOTHOS	401	30			SC17		C SP didn't get Rx - other (specify)
				Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			

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PMMAIN	431	2	PMMEDFMT		SC18		N Main reason didn't get medicine this yr
				16,391			. Inapplicable
				11			1 Didn't think med was necessary for cond
				52			2 Thought it would cost too much
				19			3 Med not covered by insurand or Medicaid
				0			4 Didn't have time
				1			5 Could not get the medicine soon enough
				1			6 No pharmacy convenient
				2			7 Didn't have a way to get medicine
				13			8 Didn't think med would help condition
				8			9 Afraid of reactions/contraindications
				6			10 Felt better - didn't need medicine
				7			11 Dont like to take medicine
				7			91 Other

Notes: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1  
First available in 1996

PLACEPAR	433	2	YES2FMT		US1		N Does SP go particular place for med care
				9			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				12			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				15,373			1 Yes
				1,120			2 No

PLACEKND	435	2	PLACEFMT		US2		N Kind of place SP usually go for med care
				1,145			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				11,341			1 Doctor's office or group practice
				1,264			2 Doctor's clinic
				1,560			3 HMO
				187			4 Neighborhood or family health center
				1			5 Freestanding surgery center
				45			6 Rural Health Clinic
				9			7 Company clinic
				108			8 Other clinic
				29			9 Walk-in urgent care center
				54			10 At home
				45			11 Hospital emergency room
				395			12 Hospital outpatient department
				265			13 Veterans' Administration facility
				3			14 Mental health center
				62			91 Other, specify

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USUALDOC	437	2	YES1FMT		US4		N Is there particular Dr SP usually sees
				12,540			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				3,296			1 Yes
				675			2 No

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

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D_USSPCW	439	2	SPCLFMT		US6		N MD spec, incl in home/hosp--usually seen
				10,121			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				129			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3			1 Allergy & Immunology
				3			2 Anesthesiology
				239			3 Cardiology (heart)
				4			5 Dermatology (skin)
				3			6 Emergency Room physician
				42			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				1,409			8 Family practice
				33			9 Gastroenterology
				2,449			10 General practice
				54			11 General surgery
				28			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				13			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				7			14 Hematology (blood)
				4			15 Hospital residence
				1,609			16 Internal medicine
				33			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				31			18 Neurology
				1			19 Nuclear Medicine
				36			20 Oncology
				3			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				9			22 Orthopaedics
				118			24 Osteopathy
				5			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				0			26 Pathology
				1			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				1			28 Plastic surgery
				1			29 Proctology
				16			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				36			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				1			32 Radiology
				27			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				0			34 Thoracic Surgery
				16			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				0			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				0			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				30			91 Other medical specialty

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

D\_USSPEC 441 2 C MD spec., usually seen -- CMS Code

Note: This is D\_USSPCW translated into CMS codes.

USHOUSCL	443	2	YES1FMT		US7		N Does Dr make house calls?
				1,199			. Inapplicable
				1,669			-8 Don't know
				791			1 Yes
				12,859			2 No

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

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GETUSHOW	445	2	GODRFMT			US8	N How does SP usually get to Dr's office?
				1,199			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				496			1 Walking
				8,969			2 Driving
				4,826			3 Being driven
				198			4 Ambulance or other special vehicle
				187			5 Taxi
				524			6 Other public transportation
				24			7 Doctor comes to home
				27			8 Senior citizen van/bus
				60			91 Other, specify

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

D_GETUS	447	4	SECFMT			US9	N Mins - usually take to get Dr's office
				1,296			. Inapplicable
				9,139			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				4,536			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				821			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				385			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				53			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				115			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				19			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				72			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				82			2 or more hrs

Notes: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7  
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ACCOMPUS	451	2	YES1FMT			US10	N Does someone accompany SP to Dr's office
				1,231			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				6,928			1 Yes
				8,354			2 No

Note: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7

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D_ACCREL	453	2	RELFMT		US11		N Who usually goes w/ SP to Dr's office?
				9,590			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample person
				3,285			2 Spouse
				453			3 Son
				1,340			4 Daughter
				75			5 Brother
				242			6 Sister
				50			7 Father
				238			8 Mother
				35			9 Son-in-law
				157			10 Daughter-in-law
				28			11 Grandson
				102			12 Granddaughter
				43			13 Nephew
				103			14 Niece
				40			50 Partner/roommate
				419			51 Friend/neighbor
				3			52 Boarder
				26			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				3			54 Legal/financial officer
				6			55 Guardian
				97			91 Other relative
				181			92 Other non-relative

Note: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1

USMCCHK	455	2	CHKFMT		US12		N Does Medicare send check to SP or to Dr?
				2,970			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				264			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				907			1 To SP
				11,867			2 To doctor
				508			3 No payment from Medicare

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

PAIDMORE	457	2	YES1FMT		US13		N Ever pay Dr more than Medicare approves
				3,478			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				580			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,273			1 Yes
				11,185			2 No

Note: Inapplicable if USMCCHK = 3 or .

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USFINDMC	459	2	YES1FMT		US14		N Try find Dr accept Medicare approved amt
				15,245			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				55			1 Yes
				1,217			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PAIDMORE = 1			
USHOWLNG	461	2	DOCFMT		US15		N How long seeing Dr/going service place
				1,145			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				88			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,700			1 Less than 1 year
				3,316			2 1 year to < 3 years
				2,549			3 3 years to < 5 years
				3,125			4 5 years to < 10 years
				4,592			5 10 years or more
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USONEYY	463	2	LESSFMT		US16		N Dr seen less than a year/a year or more
				16,430			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				6			1 Less than 1 year
				75			2 1 year or more
				Note: Applies only if USHOWLING = -8			
PREVMEDC	465	2	YES1FMT		US17		N Before usual Dr had SP seen other Dr?
				14,812			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1,445			1 Yes
				259			2 No
				Note: Applies only if USHOWLING = 1 or USONEYY = 1			
PREVSTIL	467	2	YES1FMT		US18		N Still see other Dr or go to other place?
				15,073			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				120			1 Yes
				1,322			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PREVMEDC = 1			

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PREVNOGO	469	2	WHYFMT		US19		N Why SP no see previous Dr/place anymore
				15,196			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				202			1 Previous doctor retired
				34			2 Previous doctor died
				207			3 Previous doctor moved
				174			4 SP moved
				78			5 Prev doctor/provider too far away
				18			6 Prev Dr/provider charge > Mcare paid
				249			7 Dissatisfied w/prev Dr/provider
				145			8 SP joined HMO
				50			9 SP changed insurance company
				31			10 Doctor changed practice
				130			91 Other

Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 2

PREVSAC1	471	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 1st reason why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				16,269			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				17			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				72			2 Ineffective treatment
				69			3 Att/person prob
				12			4 Too long to wait
				2			5 Cost
				6			6 Distance/conven
				68			91 Other
				2			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if PREVNOGO = 7

PREVSAC2	473	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 2nd reason why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				16,479			. Inapplicable
				5			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				10			2 Ineffective treatment
				6			3 Att/person prob
				3			4 Too long to wait
				2			5 Cost
				2			6 Distance/conven
				11			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

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

PREVSAC3	475	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 3rd reason why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				16,515			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				1			2 Ineffective treatment
				0			3 Att/person prob
				0			4 Too long to wait
				0			5 Cost
				0			6 Distance/conven
				2			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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PREVREAS	477	2	PREVFMT		US21		N Main reason go to usual Dr over other Dr
				15,196			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				312			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				362			2 Ineffective treatment
				28			3 Att/person prob
				270			4 Too long to wait
				167			5 Cost
				0			6 Distance/conven
				179			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code
Note: Inapplicable if PREVNOGO = .							
REFERDOC	479	2	YES1FMT		US22		N Refer to usual Dr by other Dr/med person
				16,395			. Inapplicable
				60			1 Yes
				63			2 No
Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 1 or -8							
RECOMDOC	481	2	YES1FMT		US23		N Did family/friends recommend Dr/place?
				16,395			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				39			1 Yes
				83			2 No
Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 1 or -8							
USCHGMOR	483	2	YES1FMT		US24		N Know Dr may charge > Medicare approves
				15,366			. Inapplicable
				37			-8 Don't know
				183			1 Yes
				932			2 No
Note: Inapp: PREVMEDC=1; PREVMEDC=1& PLACEPAR=1&PLACEKND=3/13; or PLACEMCP=1							
USPAPWRK	485	2	DRINFMT		US25		N Does Dr take care of insur paper work?
				8,205			. Inapplicable
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				63			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				7,578			1 Yes
				493			2 No
				29			3 Sometimes
				145			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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USFAVOR	503	2	AGREE		US34		N Dr act as if do a favor by talking to SP
				1,145			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				118			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				142			1 Strongly agree
				818			2 Agree
				10,906			3 Disagree
				3,282			4 Strongly Disagree
				100			5 No experience

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USTELALL	505	2	AGREE		US35		N Dr tell all SP wants know abt med treat
				1,145			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				133			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,825			1 Strongly agree
				11,107			2 Agree
				1,029			3 Disagree
				121			4 Strongly Disagree
				152			5 No experience

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USANSQUX	507	2	AGREE		US36		N Servicing Dr answers all SP questions
				1,145			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				104			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				3,440			1 Strongly agree
				11,148			2 Agree
				494			3 Disagree
				57			4 Strongly Disagree
				122			5 No experience

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USCONFID	509	2	AGREE		US37		N SP has great confidence in Dr
				1,145			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				204			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				4,073			1 Strongly agree
				10,198			2 Agree
				682			3 Disagree
				101			4 Strongly Disagree
				108			5 No experience

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

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NUSDIFFP	521	2	YES1FMT		US43		N No source of care - like different place
				15,398			. Inapplicable
				6			-8 Don't know
				123			1 Yes
				991			2 No
Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2							
NUSTOOFR	523	2	YES1FMT		US44		N No source of care - places too far away
				15,398			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				85			1 Yes
				1,031			2 No
Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2							
NUSTOOEX	525	2	YES1FMT		US45		N No source of care - cost too expensive
				15,398			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				184			1 Yes
				931			2 No
Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2							