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This file (much like the RIC BK) provides the opportunity to quantify many of CMS's Strategic Plan objectives. Specifically, it is designed to obtain an understanding as to how beneficiaries receive information about their benefits and about developments in the Medicare program.

RIC	1	2				C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1				C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT			C Unique SP Identification Number
				14,096		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
BNKNCVR	12	2	KNWFMT	BN1		N Know about what services Medicare covers
				2		-9 Not Ascertained
				102		-8 Don't know
				10		-7 Refused
				1,827		1 Just about everything you need to know
				3,943		2 Most of what you need to know
				3,991		3 Some of what you need to know
				2,441		4 A little of what you need to know
				1,780		5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNKNPAYM	14	2	KNWFMT	BN2		N Know about what SP must pay for services
				2		-9 Not Ascertained
				141		-8 Don't know
				9		-7 Refused
				2,576		1 Just about everything you need to know
				4,014		2 Most of what you need to know
				3,377		3 Some of what you need to know
				2,171		4 A little of what you need to know
				1,806		5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNKNSUPL	16	2	KNWFMT	BN3		N Know about supplement/Medigap coverage
				2		-9 Not Ascertained
				177		-8 Don't know
				11		-7 Refused
				2,042		1 Just about everything you need to know
				3,242		2 Most of what you need to know
				2,679		3 Some of what you need to know
				2,252		4 A little of what you need to know
				3,691		5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

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BNKNMMCP	18	2	KNOWFMT			BN4	N Know about Medicare managed care plans
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				164			-8 Don't know
				11			-7 Refused
				1,504			1 Just about everything you need to know
				2,055			2 Most of what you need to know
				2,196			3 Some of what you need to know
				2,430			4 A little of what you need to know
				5,734			5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNKNCHDR	20	2	KNOWFMT			BN5	N Know abt choosing Dr/hlth care provider
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				177			-8 Don't know
				10			-7 Refused
				3,821			1 Just about everything you need to know
				4,690			2 Most of what you need to know
				2,801			3 Some of what you need to know
				1,493			4 A little of what you need to know
				1,102			5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNKNHLTH	22	2	KNOWFMT			BN6	N Know about staying healthy
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				101			-8 Don't know
				11			-7 Refused
				4,590			1 Just about everything you need to know
				5,755			2 Most of what you need to know
				2,599			3 Some of what you need to know
				742			4 A little of what you need to know
				296			5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNKNMDCD	24	2	KNOWFMT			BN7	N Know about what services Mcaid covers
				3			-9 Not Ascertained
				15			-8 Don't know
				12,540			-1 Inapplicable
				204			1 Just about everything you need to know
				359			2 Most of what you need to know
				362			3 Some of what you need to know
				299			4 A little of what you need to know
				314			5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTES: Applies only if SP is covered by Medicaid
 First available in 1998

BUYINPRG	26	2	YES1FMT			BN8	N Heard of Medicare buy-in programs
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				61			-8 Don't Know
				8			-7 Refused
				1,323			1 Yes
				12,702			2 No

NOTES: Asked only of SPs in new panels beginning in 2000.
 First available in 1998

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BUYINBEN 28 2 YES1FMT BN9 N Aware of Medicare buy-in benefits
 27 -8 Don't Know
 1,394 -1 Inapplicable
 1,000 1 Yes
 11,675 2 No

NOTES: Asked only if BUYINPRG = 2 or -8.
 First available in 1998

BNTOPIC1 30 2 BNTOPIC BN10 N Topic most important to have info about
 1 -9 Not Ascertained
 78 -8 Don't Know
 8 -7 Refused
 3,698 1 What services Medicare does/does not cov
 1,068 2 How much SP would pay for med services
 545 3 Supplemental of Medigap insurance
 507 4 Avail and benefits of Mcar Mngd care pla
 459 5 Choosing/Finding a Dr or other med prov
 1,258 6 Staying healthy
 183 7 Medicaid
 1,136 8 QMB, SLMB, QI, or buy-in plans
 5,155 96 Does not want or need this information

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNTOPIC2 32 2 BNTOPIC BN10 N Topic 2nd most important 2 have info abt
 8,256 -1 Inapplicable
 843 1 What services Medicare does/does not cov
 1,942 2 How much SP would pay for med services
 518 3 Supplemental of Medigap insurance
 661 4 Avail and benefits of Mcar Mngd care pla
 530 5 Choosing/Finding a Dr or other med prov
 684 6 Staying healthy
 247 7 Medicaid
 415 8 QMB, SLMB, QI, or buy-in plans
 0 96 Does not want or need this information

NOTES: Applies only if SP needs more info on more than one topic/program
 First available in 1998

BNTOPIC3 34 2 BNTOPIC BN10 N Topic 3rd most important 2 have info abt
 10,445 -1 Inapplicable
 395 1 What services Medicare does/does not cov
 536 2 How much SP would pay for med services
 508 3 Supplemental of Medigap insurance
 506 4 Avail and benefits of Mcar Mngd care pla
 457 5 Choosing/Finding a Dr or other med prov
 632 6 Staying healthy
 173 7 Medicaid
 444 8 QMB, SLMB, QI, or buy-in plans
 0 96 Does not want or need this information

NOTES: Applies only if SP needs more info on more than two topics/programs
 First available in 1998

MEDICARE CURRENT BENEFICIARY SURVEY
 Beneficiary Information Needs

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
BNGOCVOR	36	2	BNGOSRC			BN11	N Source SP goes to 4 Mcare coverage info
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				161			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				655			1 Community civic org, sr ctr, or library
				3,314			2 Doctor or other medical provider
				5,165			3 Medicare programs/carrier, incl 800 no.
				605			4 A health insurance company or an HMO
				494			5 AARP or other senior citizens group
				668			6 Family/friends/caregivers
				186			91 Other specify
				2,839			96 Does not want or need this information
							NOTE: First available in 1998
BNGOCVOS	38	30				BN11	C SP's other source 4 Mcare coverage info
							NOTE: First available in 1998
BNGOMMCP	68	2	BNGOSRC			BN12	N SP's source for Mcare managed care info
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				267			-8 Don't Know
				8			-7 Refused
				374			1 Community civic org, sr ctr, or library
				1,476			2 Doctor or other medical provider
				3,363			3 Medicare programs/carrier, incl 800 no.
				1,864			4 A health insurance company or an HMO
				415			5 AARP or other senior citizens group
				542			6 Family/friends/caregivers
				115			91 Other specify
				5,670			96 Does not want or need this information
							NOTE: First available in 1998
BNGOMCOS	70	30				BN12	C SP's oth source 4 Mcare manage care info
							NOTE: First available in 1998
BNGOSUPL	100	2	BNGOSRC			BN13	N Source SP go to 4 supplemen/Medigap info
				3			-9 Not Ascertained
				280			-8 Don't Know
				9			-7 Refused
				343			1 Community civic org, sr ctr, or library
				1,045			2 Doctor or other medical provider
				2,148			3 Medicare programs/carrier, incl 800 no.
				3,570			4 A health insurance company or an HMO
				812			5 AARP or other senior citizens group
				667			6 Family/friends/caregivers
				165			91 Other specify
				5,054			96 Does not want or need this information
							NOTE: First available in 1998
BNGOSPOS	102	30				BN13	C SP's oth source 4 Mcare supple/Mgap info
							NOTE: First available in 1998

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
KPUPNONE	132	2	IND2FMT			BN14	N Mcare development info not want/needed
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				1,654			1 Indicated
				12,375			2 Not Indicated
NOTE: First available in 1998							
KPUPTALK	134	2	IND2FMT			BN14	N Mcare development info--talk w/ others
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				7,076			1 Indicated
				6,953			2 Not Indicated
NOTE: First available in 1998							
KPUFFONE	136	2	IND2FMT			BN14	N Mcare developments info from telephone
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				4,794			1 Indicated
				9,235			2 Not Indicated
NOTE: First available in 1998							
KPUPBROC	138	2	IND2FMT			BN14	N Mcare development info brochure/pamphlet
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				6,413			1 Indicated
				7,616			2 Not Indicated
NOTE: First available in 1998							
KPUPTVRD	140	2	IND2FMT			BN14	N Mcare developments info from TV or radio
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				2,679			1 Indicated
				11,350			2 Not Indicated
NOTE: First available in 1998							
KPUPNEWS	142	2	IND2FMT			BN14	N Mcare development info-- newsp/magazine
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				2,713			1 Indicated
				11,316			2 Not Indicated
NOTE: First available in 1998							

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
KPUPINET	144	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare developments info from internet
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				643			1 Indicated
				13,386			2 Not Indicated
				NOTE: First available in 1998			
KPUPOTH	146	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare development info-- other specify
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				202			1 Indicated
				13,827			2 Not Indicated
				NOTE: First available in 1998			
KPUPOS	148	30			BN14		C Other source Mcare developments info
				NOTE: First available in 1998			
KPUPBEST	178	2	KPUPBEST		BN15		N Most preferred source 4 keep up w/Mcare
				18			-8 Don't Know
				1,721			-1 Inapplicable
				5,478			1 Talk with someone face2face
				2,039			2 Use a telephone
				3,382			3 Read a brochure or pamphlet
				586			4 Watch on TV / Hear on radio
				535			5 Read newspaper or magazine
				216			6 Use the internet
				121			91 Other specified
				NOTES: Applies when SP has several preferred ways for keeping up with Medicare First available in 1998			
BNCOLCAN	180	2	TRUE1FMT		BN16		N Mcare covers colorectal cancer screening
				3			-9 Not Ascertained
				8			-7 Refused
				6,751			1 True
				570			2 False
				6,764			3 Not sure
				NOTES: Asked only of SPs in new panels beginning in 2000. First available in 1998			
BNMAMGRM	182	2	TRUE1FMT		BN17		N Mcare covers annual mammogram for women
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				6			-7 Refused
				6,224			-1 Inapplicable
				5,990			1 True
				450			2 False
				1,424			3 Not sure
				NOTES: Applies only to female SPs in new panels beginning in 2000 First available in 1998			

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BNSUPMCP 184 2 TRUE1FMT BN18 N Mgap/Supplement same Mcare manage care
 3 -9 Not Ascertained
 7 -7 Refused
 970 1 True
 6,025 2 False
 7,091 3 Not sure

NOTES: Asked only of SPs in new panels beginning in 2000.
 First available in 1998

BNFLUSHT 186 2 TRUE1FMT BN19 N Medicare covers an annual flu shot
 3 -9 Not Ascertained
 7 -7 Refused
 11,803 1 True
 414 2 False
 1,869 3 Not sure

NOTES: Asked only of SPs in new panels beginning in 2000.
 First available in 1998

BNHAVCOM 188 2 YES2FMT BN22 N SP has personal computer in home
 4 -9 Not Ascertained
 6 -8 Don't Know
 13 -7 Refused
 2,922 1 Yes
 11,151 2 No

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNHAVCAB 190 2 YES2FMT BN23 N SP has cable TV in home
 4 -9 Not Ascertained
 10 -8 Don't Know
 14 -7 Refused
 9,860 1 Yes
 4,208 2 No

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNHAVVCR 192 2 YES2FMT BN24 N SP has VCR in home
 4 -9 Not Ascertained
 11 -8 Don't Know
 14 -7 Refused
 10,179 1 Yes
 3,888 2 No

NOTE: First available in 1998

INETACCS 194 2 YESNONET BN25 N Does SP have internet access?
 4 -9 Not Ascertained
 21 -8 Don't Know
 9 -7 Refused
 2,745 1 Yes
 10,901 2 No
 416 3 Never heard of the internet

NOTE: First available in 1998

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
INETUSED	196	2	YES1FMT		BN26		N SP has used internet/other online svc.
				15			-8 Don't Know
				450			-1 Inapplicable
				1,850			1 Yes
				11,781			2 No
NOTES: Applies only if INETACCS = 1 or 2 First available in 1998							
INETMNTN	198	2	YES1FMT		BN27		N SP used internet/oth online svc last mos
				4			-8 Don't Know
				12,246			-1 Inapplicable
				1,275			1 Yes
				571			2 No
NOTES: Applies only if INETUSED = 1 First available in 1998							
INETYEAR	200	2	YES1FMT		BN28		N SP used internet/oth online--last 12 mos
				1			-8 Don't Know
				12,250			-1 Inapplicable
				1,673			1 Yes
				172			2 No
NOTES: Applies only if INETMNTN = 1 or 2 First available in 1998							
LIBRACCS	202	2	YES2FMT		BN29		N Public lib/lib on wheels in neighborhood
				4			-9 Not Ascertained
				281			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				10,836			1 Yes
				2,968			2 No
NOTE: First available in 1998							
LIBRUSED	204	2	YES2FMT		BN30		N SP uses public library
				4			-9 Not Ascertained
				18			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				5,082			1 Yes
				8,985			2 No
NOTE: First available in 1998							
LIBRGOTO	206	2	YES1FMT		BN31		N SP can get to the library
				66			-8 Don't Know
				5,111			-1 Inapplicable
				6,966			1 Yes
				1,953			2 No
NOTES: Applies only if LIBRUSED = 2 First available in 1998							

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SRCTRACS 208 2 YES2FMT BN32 N Senior center in neighborhood of SP
4 -9 Not Ascertained
1,386 -8 Don't Know
8 -7 Refused
9,014 1 Yes
3,684 2 No

NOTE: First available in 1998

SRCTRUSE 210 2 YES2FMT BN33 N SP uses as senior center
4 -9 Not Ascertained
46 -8 Don't Know
8 -7 Refused
2,380 1 Yes
11,658 2 No

NOTE: First available in 1998

SRCTRGET 212 2 YES1FMT BN34 N SP can get to the senior center
1 -9 Not Ascertained
310 -8 Don't Know
1 -7 Refused
2,438 -1 Inapplicable
8,629 1 Yes
2,717 2 No

NOTES: Applies only if SRCTRUSE = 2
First available in 1998