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The Survey Health Status and Functioning file includes data about the sample person's health including height and weight, self-assessments of vision and hearing, history of medical conditions, functioning, among others.

From 1991 through 1996, this file contained one record for each person who completed an interview whether in the community or facility. This changed in 1997 when the facility instrument was converted to a Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing format. Since then, this file contains data from community interviews only; RIC 2F contains similar data from facility interviews.

RIC	1	2					C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1					C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT				C Unique SP Identification Number
				19,650			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
GENHELTH	12	2	GENHFMT		HS1		N General hlth compare to others same age
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				38			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,885			1 Excellent
				5,127			2 Very Good
				6,100			3 Good
				3,674			4 Fair
				1,799			5 Poor
COMPHLTH	14	3	COMPFMT		HS1a		N Health compared to one year ago
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				16			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				799			1 Much better
				2,160			2 Somewhat better
				12,349			3 About the same
				3,580			4 Somewhat worse
				719			5 Much worse

NOTE: First available in 1996

HELMTACT	17	2	TIMEFMT		HS2		N Hlth limits social activity in past mo
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				18			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				12,585			1 None of the time
				3,929			2 Some of the time
				1,917			3 Most of the time
				1,174			4 All of the time

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NOTE: Applies to SPs in new panels who are not blind

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HCHELP	31	2	DEAFFMT		HS6		N Does SP use hearing aid
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-7 Refused
				2,052			1 Yes
				17,529			2 No
				42			3 Deaf
HCTROUB	33	2	LOOKFMT		HS7		N Description of SP hearing
				69			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				11,599			1 No trouble
				6,484			2 Little trouble
				1,492			3 Lot of trouble
NOTE: Applies only if HCHELP = 1 or 2							
DCTROUB	35	2	YES2FMT		HS8		N Diff eating solid foods b/c teeth prob
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				2,256			1 Yes
				17,364			2 No
HEIGHTFT	37	2	HEITFMT		HS9		N Height of SP--feet
				24			. Missing
				34			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				19,588			3-7 Height in feet
HEIGHTIN	39	2	INCHFMT		HS9		N Height of SP--inches
				24			. Missing
				85			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				19,537			0-11 Inch portion of height
WEIGHT	41	3	WEITFMT		HS10		N Weight of SP in pounds
				24			. Missing
				148			-8 Don't know
				57			-7 Refused
				2			0-50 0-50 Pounds
				563			51-100 51-100 Pounds
				7,928			101-150 101-150 Pounds
				8,478			151-200 151-200 Pounds
				2,046			201-250 201-250 Pounds
				315			251-300 251-300 Pounds
				63			301-350 301-350 Pounds
				21			351-400 351-400 Pounds
				5			401-999 Over 400 Pounds

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MAMMOGRM	44	2	YES1FMT		HS11		N Had mammogram/breast X-ray since last yr
				8,595			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				67			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				5,031			1 Yes
				5,953			2 No
				NOTE: Inapplicable if SP is male			
PAPSMEAR	46	2	YES1FMT		HS12		N SP had Pap smear since last year
				8,595			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				133			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				3,837			1 Yes
				7,081			2 No
				NOTE: Inapplicable if SP is male			
HYSTEREC	48	2	YES1FMT		HS13		N SP ever had hysterectomy
				12,745			. Inapplicable
				49			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,947			1 Yes
				3,907			2 No
				NOTE: Applies to females in supplemental sample or where PAPNHYST = 2			
DIGTEXAM	50	3	YES1FMT		HS13a		N SP had digital rectal prostate exam
				11,079			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				134			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				4,021			1 Yes
				4,413			2 No
				NOTES: Inapplicable if SP is female First available in 1998			
BLOODTST	53	3	YES1FMT		HS13b		N SP had blood test for prostate cancer
				11,079			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				409			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				4,362			1 Yes
				3,797			2 No
				NOTES: Inapplicable if SP is female First available in 1998			

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FLUSHOT	56	2	YES2FMT		HS14		N SP have flu shot for last winter
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				108			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				13,086			1 Yes
				6,429			2 No
FLUNEED	58	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c didnt know was needed
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				1,552			1 Yes
				4,834			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUCAUSE	61	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c could cause flu
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				1,095			1 Yes
				5,291			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUSIDE	64	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c could have side effects
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				871			1 Yes
				5,515			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUPRVNT	67	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c didnt think prevent flu
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				679			1 Yes
				5,707			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
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FLURISK	70	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c of risk of catching flu
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				514			1 Yes
				5,872			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUDOCNO	73	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c Dr didnt recommend it
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				349			1 Yes
				6,037			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUAGNST	76	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c Dr against/allergic to
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				359			1 Yes
				6,027			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUREACT	79	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c dont like shots/needles
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				387			1 Yes
				5,999			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLULOCAT	82	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c unable get to location
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				147			1 Yes
				6,239			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
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FLUMISS	85	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c missed, forgot, etc.
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				727			1 Yes
				5,659			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUCOST	88	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c shot not worth cost
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				33			1 Yes
				6,353			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUBEFOR	91	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c had before/no need again
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				32			1 Yes
				6,354			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUOTHER	94	3	YES1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c other reason
				13,221			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				256			1 Yes
				6,130			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
PNEUSHOT	97	2	YES2FMT		HS15		N SP ever have shot for pneumonia?
				342			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				10,708			1 Yes
				8,599			2 No
PNUNEEED	99	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c didn't know was needed
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				5,159			1 Yes
				3,375			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2			
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PNUCAUSE	102	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c could cause pneumonia
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				319			1 Yes
				8,215			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUSIDE	105	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c could have side effects
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				315			1 Yes
				8,219			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUPRVNT	108	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c no think prevent pneu.
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				404			1 Yes
				8,130			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNURISK	111	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c not at risk of catching
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				404			1 Yes
				8,130			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUDOCNO	114	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c Dr didn't recommend it
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				1,029			1 Yes
				7,505			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUAGNST	117	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c Dr against/allergic to
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				119			1 Yes
				8,415			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			



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PNUREACT	120	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c don't like shots/needle
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				262			1 Yes
				8,272			2 No
NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996							
PNULOCAT	123	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c unable get to location
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				78			1 Yes
				8,456			2 No
NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996							
PNUMISS	126	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c missed, forgot, etc.
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				723			1 Yes
				7,811			2 No
NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996							
PNUCOST	129	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c shot not worth cost
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				31			1 Yes
				8,503			2 No
NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996							
PNUOTHER	132	3	YES1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c other reason
				11,058			. Inapplicable
				58			-8 Don't know
				137			1 Yes
				8,397			2 No
NOTES: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996							
EVERSMOK	135	2	YES2FMT		HS16		N SP ever smoked cigarettes/cigars/tobacco
				2			-8 Don't know
				6			-7 Refused
				11,573			1 Yes
				8,069			2 No

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SMOKNOW	137	2	YES1FMT		HS17		N Does SP smoke now?
				8,094			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				2,951			1 Yes
				8,604			2 No
NOTE: Inapplicable if EVERSMOK = 2							
DIFSTOOP	139	2	DIFICULT		HS18		N Difficulty stooping/crouching/kneeling
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				7			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				6,159			1 No difficulty
				4,234			2 Little difficulty
				3,430			3 Some difficulty
				3,500			4 Lot of difficulty
				2,293			5 Unable to do it
DIFLIFT	141	2	DIFICULT		HS19		N Difficulty lifting/carrying 10 pounds
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				21			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				11,758			1 No difficulty
				2,561			2 Little difficulty
				1,764			3 Some difficulty
				1,548			4 Lot of difficulty
				1,970			5 Unable to do it
DIFREACH	143	2	DIFICULT		HS20		N Difficulty extending arms above shoulder
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				14			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				14,072			1 No difficulty
				2,196			2 Little difficulty
				1,587			3 Some difficulty
				1,111			4 Lot of difficulty
				643			5 Unable to do it
DIFWRITE	145	2	DIFICULT		HS21		N Difficulty writing/handling object
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				14,123			1 No difficulty
				2,652			2 Little difficulty
				1,552			3 Some difficulty
				1,001			4 Lot of difficulty
				293			5 Unable to do it

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DIFWALK	147	2	DIFICULT		HS22		N Difficulty walking 1/4 mile or 2-3 blocks
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				23			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				10,316			1 No difficulty
				2,185			2 Little difficulty
				2,026			3 Some difficulty
				1,907			4 Lot of difficulty
				3,166			5 Unable to do it
OCARTERY	149	2	YES2FMT		HS23a		N Ever told had hardening of arteries
				56			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,992			1 Yes
				17,599			2 No
OCHBP	151	2	YES2FMT		HS23b		N Ever told had hypertension/hi blood pres
				23			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				10,194			1 Yes
				9,430			2 No
OCMYOCAR	153	2	YES2FMT		HS23c		N Ever told had myocard infarct/hrt attack
				22			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,642			1 Yes
				16,982			2 No
OCCHD	155	2	YES2FMT		HS23d		N Ever told had angina pectoris/
				54			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				2,526			1 Yes
				17,065			2 No
OCOTHART	157	2	YES2FMT		HS23e		N Ever told had other heart conditions
				61			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				5,021			1 Yes
				14,564			2 No
OCSTROKE	159	2	YES2FMT		HS23f		N Ever told had stroke/brain hemorrhage
				20			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,051			1 Yes
				17,576			2 No
OCCSKIN	161	2	YES2FMT		HS23g		N Ever told had skin cancer
				7			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				3,145			1 Yes
				16,495			2 No

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OCCBLAD	175	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--bladder
				16,419			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				147			1 Yes
				3,078			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCOVARY	177	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--ovary
				16,419			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				134			1 Yes
				3,091			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCSTOM	179	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--stomach
				16,419			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				107			1 Yes
				3,118			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCCERVX	181	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--cervix
				16,419			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				99			1 Yes
				3,126			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCCKIDNY	183	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--kidney
				16,419			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				78			1 Yes
				3,148			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCBRAIN	185	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--brain
				16,419			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				39			1 Yes
				3,187			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			

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OCCTHROA	187	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--throat
				16,419			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				109			1 Yes
				3,117			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCBACK	189	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--back
				16,419			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				45			1 Yes
				3,181			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCHEAD	191	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--head
				16,419			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				73			1 Yes
				3,153			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCFONEC	193	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--female organs
				16,419			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				18			1 Yes
				3,208			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCOTHER	195	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--other
				16,419			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				494			1 Yes
				2,731			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCDIABTS	197	2	YES2FMT		HS23j		N Ever told had diabetes/hi blood sugar
				11			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				3,025			1 Yes
				16,609			2 No

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OCARTHRH	199	2	YES2FMT		HS23k		N Ever told had rheumatoid arthritis
				42			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				1,957			1 Yes
				17,647			2 No
OCARTH	201	2	YES2FMT		HS23l		N Ever told had non-rheumatoid arthritis
				43			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				10,190			1 Yes
				9,413			2 No
OCAARM	203	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-arm/hand/shoulder
				9,460			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				5,298			1 Yes
				4,889			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if OCARTH = 1				
OCAFEET	205	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-hip/knee/feet/leg
				9,460			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				5,453			1 Yes
				4,734			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if OCARTH = 1				
OCABACK	207	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/had arthritis-back
				9,460			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				2,805			1 Yes
				7,382			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if OCARTH = 1				
OCANECK	209	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-neck
				9,460			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				1,043			1 Yes
				9,144			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if OCARTH = 1				
OCAALOVR	211	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-all over/joints
				9,460			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				1,644			1 Yes
				8,543			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if OCARTH = 1				

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OCAOTHER	213	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-other
				9,460			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				52			1 Yes
				10,135			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCMENTAL	215	2	YES2FMT		HS23n		N Ever told had mental retardation
				6			. Missing
				16			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				448			1 Yes
				19,175			2 No
OCALZHMR	217	2	YES2FMT		HS23o		N Ever told had Alzheimer's/dementia
				7			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				468			1 Yes
				19,172			2 No
OCPSYCH	219	2	YES2FMT		HS23p		N Ever told had mental/psychiatric disord
				15			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,593			1 Yes
				18,039			2 No
OCOSTEOP	221	2	YES2FMT		HS23q		N Ever told had osteoporosis/soft bones
				41			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,355			1 Yes
				17,250			2 No
OCBRKHIP	223	2	YES2FMT		HS23r		N Ever told had broken hip
				6			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				849			1 Yes
				18,791			2 No
OCPARKIN	225	2	YES2FMT		HS23s		N Ever told had Parkinson's disease
				6			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				240			1 Yes
				19,401			2 No
OCEMPHYS	227	2	YES2FMT		HS23t		N Ever told had emphysema/asthma/COPD
				13			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,701			1 Yes
				16,933			2 No



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OCPPARAL	229	2	YES2FMT		HS23u		N Ever told had complete/partial paralysis
				6			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				988			1 Yes
				18,654			2 No
OCAMPUTE	231	2	YES2FMT		HS23v		N Ever lost an arm or leg
				1			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				258			1 Yes
				19,389			2 No
HAVEBPH	233	2	YES1FMT		HS23w		N Ever told had enlarged prostate or BPH
				11,079			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				117			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,230			1 Yes
				6,220			2 No

NOTES: Inapplicable if SP is female  
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EMCAUSC1	235	2	CAUSFMT		HS25		N 1st cause of Medicare eligibility
				16,677			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				13			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				259			1 Back/spine/disc
				58			2 Severe eyesight loss
				38			3 Severe hearing loss
				76			4 Kidney/renal failure
				54			5 Seizure disorder
				52			6 Car/bike/train accident
				55			7 Multiple sclerosis
				10			8 Muscular dystrophy
				22			9 Cerebral palsy
				10			10 Broken bones
				31			11 Hardening of the arteries
				103			12 High blood pressure
				78			13 Myocardial infarction
				49			14 Angina pectoris
				45			15 Other heart condition
				105			16 Stroke
				1			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				56			18 Cancer or tumor
				58			19 Diabetes
				95			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				118			21 Other arthritis
				287			22 Mental retardation
				4			23 Alzheimer's disease
				584			24 Mental disorder
				9			25 Osteoporosis
				15			26 Broken hip
				3			27 Parkinson's disease
				66			28 Emphysema or asthma
				97			29 Partial paralysis
				16			30 Loss of limb
				501			91 Other

NOTE: Applies if SP is under age 65 at the time of the initial MCBS interview

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EMCAUSC2	237	2	CAUSFMT		HS25		N 2nd cause of Medicare eligibility
				19,219			. Inapplicable
				9			1 Back/spine/disc
				3			2 Severe eyesight loss
				2			3 Severe hearing loss
				0			4 Kidney/renal failure
				5			5 Seizure disorder
				7			6 Car/bike/train accident
				1			7 Multiple sclerosis
				1			8 Muscular dystrophy
				1			9 Cerebral palsy
				2			10 Broken bones
				0			11 Hardening of the arteries
				9			12 High blood pressure
				17			13 Myocardial infarction
				34			14 Angina pectoris
				27			15 Other heart condition
				13			16 Stroke
				1			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				0			18 Cancer or tumor
				32			19 Diabetes
				12			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				37			21 Other arthritis
				15			22 Mental retardation
				1			23 Alzheimer's disease
				83			24 Mental disorder
				7			25 Osteoporosis
				5			26 Broken hip
				0			27 Parkinson's disease
				28			28 Emphysema or asthma
				23			29 Partial paralysis
				7			30 Loss of limb
				49			91 Other

NOTE: Applies only if SP has more than one cause for Medicare eligibility

PRBTELE	239	2	ADL2FMT		HS27a		N Any difficulty using telephone
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				1,261			1 Yes
				17,984			2 No
				376			3 Doesn't Do
PRBLHWK	241	2	ADL2FMT		HS27b		N Any difficulty doing light housework
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,745			1 Yes
				16,239			2 No
				1,639			3 Doesn't Do

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NOTE: Applies only if PRBHWWK = 3

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DONTMEAL	257	2	YES1FMT		HS28d		N Don't prepare meals b/c health prob
				17,811			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				856			1 Yes
				982			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 3			
DONTSHOP	259	2	YES1FMT		HS28e		N Don't do shopping b/c health prob
				18,114			. Inapplicable
				1,218			1 Yes
				318			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 3			
DONTBILS	261	2	YES1FMT		HS28f		N Don't manage money b/c health prob
				18,305			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				862			1 Yes
				481			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if PRBBILS = 3			
HELPTLE	263	2	YES1FMT		HS29a		N Receive help w/ telephone
				18,088			. Inapplicable
				777			1 Yes
				785			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if PRBTELE = 1 or DONTTELE = 1			
HELPLHWK	265	2	YES1FMT		HS29b		N Receive help w/ light housework
				16,914			. Inapplicable
				2,306			1 Yes
				430			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if PRBLHWK = 1 or DONTLHWK = 1			
HELPHHWK	267	2	YES1FMT		HS29c		N Receive help w/ heavy housework
				12,863			. Inapplicable
				2			-7 Refused
				5,350			1 Yes
				1,435			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if PRBHHWK = 1 or DONTTHWK = 1			
HELPMEAL	269	2	YES1FMT		HS29d		N Receive help w/ preparing meals
				17,379			. Inapplicable
				1,938			1 Yes
				333			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 1 or DONTMEAL = 1			

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HELPSHOP	271	2	YES1FMT		HS29e		N Receive help w/ shopping
				16,205			. Inapplicable
				3,098			1 Yes
				347			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 1 or DONTSHOP = 1							
HELPBILS	273	2	YES1FMT		HS29f		N Receive help w/ managing money
				17,578			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,874			1 Yes
				197			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if PRBBILS = 1 or DONTBILS = 1							
HPPDBATH	275	2	ADL2FMT		HS31a		N Any difficulty bathing/showering
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				2,436			1 Yes
				17,076			2 No
				111			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDDRES	277	2	ADL2FMT		HS31b		N Any difficulty dressing
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,564			1 Yes
				17,985			2 No
				74			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDEAT	279	2	ADL2FMT		HS31c		N Any difficulty eating
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				574			1 Yes
				19,017			2 No
				32			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDCHAR	281	2	ADL2FMT		HS31d		N Any difficulty get in/out of bed/chair
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				2,699			1 Yes
				16,836			2 No
				89			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDWALK	283	2	ADL2FMT		HS31e		N Any difficulty walking
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				4,898			1 Yes
				14,417			2 No
				308			3 Doesn't Do

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NOTES: Applies only if HPPD TOIL = 3  
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HELPBATH	299	2	YES1FMT		HS32a		N Receive help w/ bathing/showering
				17,105			. Inapplicable
				1,412			1 Yes
				1,133			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 1 or DONTBATH = 1			
HELPDRES	301	2	YES1FMT		HS32b		N Receive help w/ dressing
				18,012			. Inapplicable
				1,061			1 Yes
				577			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 1 or DONTDRES = 1			
HELPEAT	303	2	YES1FMT		HS32c		N Receive help w/ eating
				19,046			. Inapplicable
				225			1 Yes
				379			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 1 or DONTEAT = 1			
HELPCHAR	305	2	YES1FMT		HS32d		N Receive help w/ get in/out of bed/chair
				16,862			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				802			1 Yes
				1,984			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 1 or DONTCHAR = 1			
HELPWALK	307	2	YES1FMT		HS32e		N Receive help w/ walking
				14,448			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				979			1 Yes
				4,219			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 1 or DONTWALK = 1			
HELPTOIL	309	2	YES1FMT		HS32f		N Receive help w/ using toilet
				18,428			. Inapplicable
				429			1 Yes
				793			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 1 or DONTTOIL = 1			
PCHKBATH	311	2	YES1FMT		HS33a		N Person nearby while bathing/showering
				18,517			. Inapplicable
				209			1 Yes
				924			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if HELPBATH = 2			



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PCHKDRES	313	2	YES1FMT	HS33b			N Person nearby while dressing
				19,073			. Inapplicable
				78			1 Yes
				499			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if HELPDRES = 2				
PCHKEAT	315	2	YES1FMT	HS33c			N Person nearby while eating
				19,271			. Inapplicable
				63			1 Yes
				316			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if HELPEAT = 2				
PCHKCHAR	317	2	YES1FMT	HS33d			N Person nearby when get in/out bed/chair
				17,664			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				232			1 Yes
				1,752			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if HELPCHAR = 2				
PCHKWALK	319	2	YES1FMT	HS33e			N Person nearby while walking
				15,427			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				517			1 Yes
				3,700			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if HELPWALK = 2				
PCHKTOIL	321	2	YES1FMT	HS33f			N Person nearby while using toilet
				18,857			. Inapplicable
				111			1 Yes
				682			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if HELPTOIL = 2				
EQIPBATH	323	2	YES1FMT	HS34a			N Use equipment to help bathe/shower
				17,105			. Inapplicable
				1,414			1 Yes
				1,131			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 1 or DONTBATH = 1				
EQIPDRES	325	2	YES1FMT	HS34b			N Use equipment to help dress
				18,012			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				155			1 Yes
				1,482			2 No
			NOTE: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 1 or DONTDRES = 1				

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EQIPEAT	327	2	YES1FMT		HS34c		N Use equipment to help eat
				19,046			. Inapplicable
				73			1 Yes
				531			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 1 or DONTEAT = 1							
EQIPCHAR	329	2	YES1FMT		HS34d		N Use equipment to get in/out bed/chair
				16,862			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,176			1 Yes
				1,610			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 1 or DONTCHAR = 1							
EQIPWALK	331	2	YES1FMT		HS34e		N Use equipment to help walk
				14,448			. Inapplicable
				2,931			1 Yes
				2,271			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 1 or DONTWALK = 1							
EQIPTOIL	333	2	YES1FMT		HS34f		N Use equipment to help use toilet
				18,428			. Inapplicable
				767			1 Yes
				455			2 No
NOTE: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 1 or DONTTOIL = 1							
LONGBATH	335	2	LONGFMT		HS34aa		N How long needed help to bathe/shower
				18,238			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				110			1 Less than 3 months
				295			2 3 months to 1 year
				1,006			3 More than 1 year
NOTES: Applies only if HELPBATH = 1 First available in 1996							
LONGDRES	337	2	LONGFMT		HS34ba		N How long needed help to dress
				18,589			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				77			1 Less than 3 months
				217			2 3 months to 1 year
				765			3 More than 1 year
NOTES: Applies only if HELPDRES = 1 First available in 1996							

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LONGEAT	339	2	LONGFMT		HS34ca		N How long needed help to eat
				19,425			. Inapplicable
				17			1 Less than 3 months
				35			2 3 months to 1 year
				173			3 More than 1 year
							NOTES: Applies only if HELPEAT = 1
							First available in 1996
LONGCHAR	341	2	LONGFMT		HS34da		N How long need help get in/out bed/chair
				18,848			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				65			1 Less than 3 months
				158			2 3 months to 1 year
				578			3 More than 1 year
							NOTES: Applies only if HELPCCHAR = 1
							First available in 1996
LONGWALK	343	2	LONGFMT		HS34ea		N How long needed help to walk
				18,671			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				71			1 Less than 3 months
				218			2 3 months to 1 year
				688			3 More than 1 year
							NOTES: Applies only if HELPWALK = 1
							First available in 1996
LONGTOIL	345	2	LONGFMT		HS34fa		N How long needed help to use toilet
				19,221			. Inapplicable
				24			1 Less than 3 months
				83			2 3 months to 1 year
				322			3 More than 1 year
							NOTES: Applies only if HELPTOIL = 1
							First available in 1996
STILBATH	347	2	YES1FMT		HS34ab		N Need help 3 mos from now w/ bathe/shower
				19,540			. Inapplicable
				13			-8 Don't know
				58			1 Yes
				39			2 No
							NOTES: Applies only if LONGBATH = 1
							First available in 1996
STILDRES	349	2	YES1FMT		HS34bb		N Need help 3 mos from now w/ dressing
				19,573			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				44			1 Yes
				26			2 No
							NOTES: Applies only if LONGDRES = 1
							First available in 1996

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STILEAT	351	2	YES1FMT		HS34cb		N Need help 3 mos from now w/ eating
				19,633			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				13			1 Yes
				3			2 No
			NOTES: Applies only if LONGEAT = 1 First available in 1996				
STILCHAR	353	2	YES1FMT		HS34db		N Need help 3 mos w/ get in/out bed/chair
				19,585			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				30			1 Yes
				28			2 No
			NOTES: Applies only if LONGCHAR = 1 First available in 1996				
STILWALK	355	2	YES1FMT		HS34eb		N Need help 3 mos from now w/ walking
				19,579			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				44			1 Yes
				20			2 No
			NOTES: Applies only if LONGWALK = 1 First available in 1996				
STILTOIL	357	2	YES1FMT		HS34fb		N Need help 3 mos from now w/ using toilet
				19,626			. Inapplicable
				16			1 Yes
				8			2 No
			NOTES: Applies only if LONGTOIL = 1 First available in 1996				
D_ADLHNM	359	2	HELPRFMT		HS30, 35		N Number of ADL helpers
				9,456			. Inapplicable
				7,890			1 1 Helper
				1,710			2 2 Helpers
				420			3 3 Helpers
				115			4 4 Helpers
				46			5 5 Helpers
				11			6 6 Helpers
				1			7 7 Helpers
				1			8 8 Helpers
				0			9 9 Helpers
				0			10 10 Helpers
				0			11 11 Helpers
				0			12 12 Helpers
				0			13 13 Helpers
				0			14 14 Helpers
				0			15 15 Helpers
				0			16 16 Helpers
			NOTE: Applies only if SP has at least one ADL or IADL				

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D_ADHLRL	361	2	RELFMT				N Primary helper's relationship to SP
				19,332			. Inapplicable
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample Person (SP)
				64			2 Spouse
				44			3 Son
				68			4 Daughter
				2			5 Brother
				8			6 Sister
				3			7 Father
				16			8 Mother
				1			9 Son-in-law
				10			10 Daughter-in-law
				4			11 Grandson
				9			12 Granddaughter
				3			13 Nephew
				5			14 Niece
				4			50 Partner/Roommate
				17			51 Friend/Neighbor
				0			52 Boarder
				21			53 Nurse/Nurse's Aide
				0			54 Legal/Financial Officer
				0			55 Guardian
				1			91 Other Relative
				38			92 Other Non-relative

NOTE: See Notes for derivation

D_ADLHDB	363	6	\$DOBFMT				C Date of birth of primary helper
				19,479			Inapplicable
				171		000000-999999	Valid Date

NOTE: See Notes for derivation

MEMLOSS	369	3	YES2FMT		HS36a		N Memory loss interfere w/ daily activity
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				32			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,551			1 Yes
				17,040			2 No

NOTE: First available in 1996

PROBDECS	372	3	YES2FMT		HS36b		N Problem make decisions interferes w/ADLs
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				21			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,889			1 Yes
				17,713			2 No

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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
TROBCONC	375	3	YES2FMT		HS36c		N SP has trouble concentrating
				24			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				22			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,030			1 Yes
				16,571			2 No

NOTE: First available in 1996

LOSTURIN	378	2	URIFMT		HS37		N How often lost urine control last 12 mo
				24			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				141			-8 Don't know
				19			-7 Refused
				1,583			1 More than once a week
				541			2 About once a week
				492			3 2-3 times a month
				414			4 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
				348			5 Every 2-3 months
				696			6 1-2 Times a year
				15,254			7 Not at all
				136			8 Dialysis/catheterized