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**MEDICARE CURRENT BENEFICIARY SURVEY**  
Key Record

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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
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The BASEID key identifies the person interviewed. It is an 8-digit element, consisting of a unique, randomly assigned 7-digit number concatenated with a single-digit checkdigit. In addition to the BASEID, the KEY file contains the type of interview conducted and other variables for classifying the beneficiary. There is one record for each person who completed an interview.

RIC	1	2					C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1					C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT				C Unique SP Identification Number
				20,889			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
D_SMPTYP	12	2	\$TYPFMT				C Sample Type
				3,313			95 1995 Panel (Round 13 Accretions to MCBS)
				3,950			96 1996 Panel (Round 16 Accretions to MCBS)
				4,348			97 1997 Panel (Round 19 Accretions to MCBS)
				9,278			98 1998 Panel (Round 22 Accretions to MCBS)
D_DISPC	14	2	\$DISPFMT				C Disposition Code
				20,889			40 Complete
INTERVU	16	1	\$INTRFMT				C Type of Interview
				19,650			C Community
				1,239			F Facility
SURVIVE	17	1	\$SURVFMT				C Survival Indicator
				167			N Did not survive through the year
				20,722			Y Survived through the year