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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

16,670 LOW-HIGH BASEID Count

ERVISIT	12	2	YES1FMT	AC1		N Since refer date did SP go ER for care?
					10,774	. Inapplicable
					14	-8 Don't know
					1,346	1 Yes
					4,536	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
					12,534	. Inapplicable
					1	-9 Not ascertained
					66	-8 Don't know
					2	-7 Refused
					245	1 Yes
					3,822	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?
					12,779	. Inapplicable
					1	-9 Not ascertained
					92	-8 Don't know
					2	-7 Refused
					995	1 Yes
					2,801	2 No

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

D_ERVIS	18	4	MINFMT	AC5		N Mins altogether for ER visit
					13,187	. Inapplicable
					675	0-60 up to 1 hour
					822	60<-120 1 up to 2 hrs
					579	120<-180 2 up to 3 hrs
					479	180<-240 3 up to 4 hrs
					326	240<-300 4 up to 5 hrs
					214	300<-360 5 up to 6 hrs
					94	360<-420 6 up to 7 hrs
					105	420<-480 7 up to 8 hrs
					189	480<-4320 8 hrs or more

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D_ERWAIT	22	4	SECFMT		AC6		N Mins wait altogether before see ER Dr
				13,046			. Inapplicable
				2,264			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				556			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				145			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				281			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				6			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				58			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				12			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				126			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				176			120<-2880 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?
				15,324			. Inapplicable
				579			1 Yes
				767			2 No

NOTE: Applies to initial interviews of new panel SPs where ERVISIT = 1

OPDVISIT	28	2	YES1FMT		AC8		N Since reference date did SP go to OPD?
				10,774			. Inapplicable
				18			-8 Don't know
				1,654			1 Yes
				4,224			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
				10,648			. Inapplicable
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				309			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,932			1 Indicated
				2,774			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
				10,648			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				309			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,701			1 Indicated
				3,006			2 Not indicated

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OPDTSOT	44	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - treatment shot
				10,648			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				309			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				12			1 Indicated
				5,695			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
				10,648			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				309			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				11			1 Indicated
				5,696			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
				10,648			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				309			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				136			1 Indicated
				5,571			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?
				15,902			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				537			1 Yes
				229			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
				10,649			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				332			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				4,888			1 Appointment
				795			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?
				11,782			. Inapplicable
				64			-8 Don't know
				3,000			1 Told to come back during a prior visit
				1,824			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
				14,979			. Inapplicable
				251			0 Didn't have wait
				514			1-3 1 to 3 days
				159			4-6 4 to 6 days
				338			7-9 7 to 9 days
				27			10-12 10 to 12 days
				218			13-15 13 to 15 days
				1			16-18 16 to 18 days
				59			19-21 19 to 21 days
				124			22-2700 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?
				11,414			. Inapplicable
				2,812			0-60 up to 1 hour
				1,061			60<-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				505			120<-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				334			180<-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				182			240<-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				139			300<-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				40			360<-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				67			420<-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				116			480<-4320 8 hrs or more

NOTES: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview
First available in 1992

D_OPWAIT	64	4	SECFMT		AC16		N Mins - SP spent wait before see OPD Dr
				11,358			. Inapplicable
				3,404			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				1,102			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				227			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				262			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				22			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				79			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				13			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				101			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				102			120<-2880 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
				10,774			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				224			1 Yes
				5,669			2 No

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NHLRESYY	70	4	YRFMT		AC18		N Yr last resident/patient in nursing home
				16,446			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				7			-8 Don't know
				215		1900-9999	Four-digit year

NOTE: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

NHLRESMM	74	2	MONTHFMT		AC18		N Mo last resident/patient in nursing home
				16,446			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				40			-8 Don't know
				0			-5 Never ask again
				11			1 January
				16			2 February
				12			3 March
				17			4 April
				16			5 May
				14			6 June
				20			7 July
				19			8 August
				22			9 September
				12			10 October
				14			11 November
				9			12 December

NOTE: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

MDVISIT	76	2	YES1FMT		AC19		N Since reference date has SP seen med Dr
				10,774			. Inapplicable
				6			-8 Don't know
				5,126			1 Yes
				764			2 No

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MDSPCLTY	78	2	SPCLFMT		AC20		N MD spec., excl in home/hosp--most recent
				1,714			. Inapplicable
				337			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				66			1 Allergy & Immunology
				17			2 Anesthesiology
				912			3 Cardiology (heart)
				348			5 Dermatology (skin)
				0			6 Emergency Room physician
				128			7 Endocrinology & metabolism
				1,909			8 Family practice
				203			9 Gastroenterology
				4,638			10 General practice
				228			11 General surgery
				65			12 Geriatrics
				209			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				39			14 Hematology (blood)
				6			15 Hospital residence
				2,404			16 Internal medicine
				121			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				216			18 Neurology
				7			19 Nuclear Medicine
				254			20 Oncology
				903			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				443			22 Orthopaedics
				134			24 Osteopathy
				164			25 Ear,nose,throat
				2			26 Pathology
				7			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				16			28 Plastic surgery
				13			29 Proctology
				257			30 Psychology/Psychtiary
				156			31 Pulmonology
				18			32 Radiology
				160			33 Rheumatology
				11			34 Thoracic Surgery
				374			35 Urology
				189			91 Other physician specialty

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

MDMCOND	80	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - med condition named
				1,712			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				82			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				8,877			1 Indicated
				5,993			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 saw seen - tests
				1,712			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				82			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,590			1 Indicated
				13,280			2 Not indicated

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

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2,514	. Inapplicable
53	-8 Don't know
8,855	1 Told to come back during a prior visit
5,248	2 Called for an appointment

NOTE: Applies only if MDAPPT = 1

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D_MDAPPT	106	4	DAYFMT		AC26		N Days - SP waited for Dr's appointment
				11,603			. Inapplicable
				862			0 Didn't have wait
				1,823			1-3 1 to 3 days
				398			4-6 4 to 6 days
				827			7-9 7 to 9 days
				85			10-12 10 to 12 days
				536			13-15 13 to 15 days
				1			16-18 16 to 18 days
				182			19-21 19 to 21 days
				353			22-2700 over 3 weeks

NOTES: Applies only if MDDRTEL = 2
First available in 1992

D_MDVIS	110	4	MINFMT		AC27		N Mins - visit w/ Dr altogether?
				2,387			. Inapplicable
				11,023			0-60 up to 1 hour
				2,534			60<-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				513			120<-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				126			180<-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				36			240<-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				18			300<-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				5			360<-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				8			420<-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				20			480<-4320 8 hrs or more

NOTES: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
First available in 1992

D_MDWAIT	114	4	SECFMT		AC28		N Mins - SP spent waiting before seeing Dr
				2,371			. Inapplicable
				8,993			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				3,139			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				755			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				705			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				84			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				253			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				54			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				163			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				153			120<-2880 2 or more hrs

NOTES: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
First available in 1992

MDVCHOIC	118	2	YES1FMT		AC28a		N Was the Dr you saw your first choice?
				10,568			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				83			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				5,695			1 Yes
				319			2 No

NOTES: Inapplicable if MDDRTEL = 1 or SP had no doctor visit
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HCTROUBL	120	2	YES2FMT		AC29		N Has SP had troub get needed hlth care?
				9			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				686			1 Yes
				15,974			2 No
HCTRC1	122	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 1
				15,984			. Inapplicable
				27			1 SP has no money
				74			2 Cost is too high
				47			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				35			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				33			5 Difficult to get home health care
				16			6 No treatment available
				28			7 Have to wait too long
				44			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				3			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				35			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				1			11 Referred to specialist
				37			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				49			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				34			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				223			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTE: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1.

HCTRC2	124	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 2
				16,629			. Inapplicable
				1			1 SP has no money
				12			2 Cost is too high
				4			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				3			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				0			5 Difficult to get home health care
				3			6 No treatment available
				2			7 Have to wait too long
				3			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				0			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				2			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				0			11 Referred to specialist
				1			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				2			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				5			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				3			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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HCTRC3	126	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 3
				16,667			. Inapplicable
				0			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
				1			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
				1			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				0			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				0			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTE: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1 and 3rd reason indicated.

HCDELAY	128	2	YES2FMT		AC31		N Last year did SP delay care due to cost?
				7			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,248			1 Yes
				15,412			2 No
HEARMHMO	130	2	YES1FMT		HIMC1aa		N Heard of HMO that Medicare bene can join
				4,518			. Inapplicable
				7			-9 Not ascertained
				77			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				6,593			1 Yes
				5,474			2 No

NOTES: See Notes to the data for the skip pattern and variable derivation.
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AREAMHMO	132	2	YES1FMT		HIMC1bb		N HMO in area that Medicare bene can join?
				10,077			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1,114			-8 Don't know
				4,402			1 Yes
				1,076			2 No

NOTES: Applies only if HEARMHMO = 1
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OFFRAREA	134	2	YES1FMT		HIMC1cc1		N Does SP prefer more HMOs offered in area
				5,559			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				955			-8 Don't know
				1,948			1 Yes
				8,206			2 No

NOTES: Applies only if HEARMHMO = 1 or .
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DIFFSRVC	136	2	YES1FMT		HIMC1cc2		N Prefer HMO offer diff serv than provided
				7,750			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				664			-8 Don't know
				2,125			1 Yes
				6,130			2 No

NOTES: Applies only if AREAHMO = 1 or HEARMHMO = .
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HIINFO	138	2	SAT2FMT		HIMC1dd		N How satisfied is SP w/ info abt choices
				5,559			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				176			-8 Don't know
				2,238			1 Very satisfied
				8,164			2 Satisfied
				479			3 Dissatisfied
				53			4 Very dissatisfied
				0			5 No experience

NOTES: Applies only if HEARMHMO = 1 or .
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HIADDINF	140	2	HIADDFMT		HIMC1ee		N Addl info on hlth coverage info SP wants
				5,559			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				75			-8 Don't know
				9,961			1 No additional info needed/wanted
				1,074			91 Record all other responses verbatim

NOTES: Applies only if HEARMHMO = 1 or .
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VCHIADD1	142	2	HIADCFMT		HIMC1ee		N 1st code - hlth cover choice info wanted
				15,596			. Inapplicable
				290			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				65			2 List of doctors and credentials
				13			3 Location / transportation
				69			4 Cost issues
				33			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				7			6 Availability of referrals
				184			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				7			8 Include people with special cond
				3			9 Quality of the care
				191			10 General clear information
				212			91 Other specified coverage info
				0			92 No additional information needed
				0			95 Unable to code

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VCHIADD2	144	2	HIADCFMT			HIMC1ee	N 2nd code - hlth cover choice info wanted
				16,486			. Inapplicable
				26			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				10			2 List of doctors and credentials
				2			3 Location / transportation
				40			4 Cost issues
				4			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				6			6 Availability of referrals
				40			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				2			8 Include people with special cond
				1			9 Quality of the care
				14			10 General clear information
				39			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	146	2	HIADCFMT			HIMC1ee	N 3rd code -hlth cover choice info wanted
				16,650			. Inapplicable
				1			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				1			2 List of doctors and credentials
				0			3 Location / transportation
				3			4 Cost issues
				0			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				0			6 Availability of referrals
				7			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				0			8 Include people with special cond
				0			9 Quality of the care
				2			10 General clear information
				6			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	148	2	HIADCFMT			HIMC1ee	N 4th code - hlth cover choice info wanted
				16,670			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				0			2 List of doctors and credentials
				0			3 Location / transportation
				0			4 Cost issues
				0			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				0			6 Availability of referrals
				0			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				0			8 Include people with special cond
				0			9 Quality of the care
				0			10 General clear information
				0			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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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
JOINMHMO	150	2	YES1FMT		HIMC1ff		N Ever considered joining an HMO?
				15,102			. Inapplicable
				6			-8 Don't know
				224			1 Yes
				1,338			2 No

NOTES: Applies to initial interviews of new panel SPs where AREAMHMO = 2
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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
VCJOIN1	152	2	JOINCFT		HIMC1gg		N 1st code - reason SP hasn't joined HMO
				15,332			. Inapplicable
				314			10 Satisfied with current situation
				153			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				60			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				93			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				130			20 Negative to HMOs
				42			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				83			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				31			23 Negative / higher costs
				3			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				12			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				27			29 Negative / other
				92			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				53			31 Don't know enough
				5			32 No HMO in area
				5			33 Dont like change
				12			34 Health is good - don't need
				6			39 Indifferent / other
				216			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				1			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if JOINMHMO = 2
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VCJOIN2	154	2	JOINCFMT		HIMC1gg		N 2nd code - reason SP hasn't joined HMO
				16,601			. Inapplicable
				7			10 Satisfied with current situation
				4			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				5			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				15			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				6			20 Negative to HMOs
				7			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				15			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				3			23 Negative / higher costs
				2			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				0			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				1			29 Negative / other
				1			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				1			31 Don't know enough
				0			32 No HMO in area
				0			33 Dont like change
				2			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 JOINMHMO = 2 and 2nd reason was given
First available in 1996

VCJOIN3	156	2	JOINCFMT		HIMC1gg		N 3rd code - reason SP hasn't joined HMO
				16,669			. 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
				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 JOINMHMO = 2 and 3rd reason was given
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VCJOIN4	158	2	JOINCFMT			HIMC1gg	N 4th code - reason SP hasn't joined HMO
				16,670			. 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 JOINMHMO = 2 and 4th reason was given
First available in 1996

IFMHMO	160	2	YES1FMT			HIMC1hh	N If HMO in area would SP consider joining
				16,369			. Inapplicable
				37			-8 Don't know
				67			1 Yes
				197			2 No

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VCIFMH1	162	2	JOINCFMT		HIMC1ii		N 1st code - reason haven't considered HMO
				16,473			. Inapplicable
				37			10 Satisfied with current situation
				31			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				4			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				27			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				1			19 Satisfied / other reason
				13			20 Negative to HMOs
				5			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				23			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				2			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				0			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				20			29 Negative / other
				3			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				9			31 Don't know enouth
				3			32 No HMO in area
				4			33 Dont like change
				3			34 Health is good - don't need
				1			39 Indifferent / other
				11			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	164	2	JOINCFMT		HIMC1ii		N 2nd code - reason haven't considered HMO
				16,651			. Inapplicable
				0			10 Satisfied with current situation
				1			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				2			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				7			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				0			20 Negative to HMOs
				3			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				2			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
				1			31 Don't know enouth
				0			32 No HMO in area
				2			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

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VCIFMH3	166	2	JOINCFMT		HIMC1ii		N 3rd code - reason haven't considered HMO
				16,669			. 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
				1			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

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VCIFMH4	168	2	JOINCFMT		HIMC1ii		N 4th code - reason haven't considered HMO
				16,670			. 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

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MCQUALTY	170	2	SAT1FMT		SC1		N Satis w/ qual of med care rec'd last yr
				39			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				4,816			1 Very satisfied
				10,515			2 Satisfied
				560			3 Dissatisfied
				110			4 Very dissatisfied
				625			5 No experience
MCAVAIL	172	2	SAT1FMT		SC2		N Satis w/ avail med care night & weekends
				49			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,721			1 Very satisfied
				6,809			2 Satisfied
				457			3 Dissatisfied
				133			4 Very dissatisfied
				7,496			5 No experience
MCEASE	174	2	SAT1FMT		SC3		N Ease of get to Dr from where SP lives
				31			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				3,089			1 Very satisfied
				12,117			2 Satisfied
				838			3 Dissatisfied
				145			4 Very dissatisfied
				446			5 No experience
MCCOSTS	176	2	SAT1FMT		SC4		N Satis w/ OOP costs for medical services
				83			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				2,854			1 Very satisfied
				10,866			2 Satisfied
				1,616			3 Dissatisfied
				503			4 Very dissatisfied
				743			5 No experience
MCINFO	178	2	SAT1FMT		SC5		N Satis w/ info abt what was wrong w/ you
				65			-8 Don't know
				6			-7 Refused
				2,972			1 Very satisfied
				12,021			2 Satisfied
				790			3 Dissatisfied
				149			4 Very dissatisfied
				667			5 No experience
MCFOLUP	180	2	SAT1FMT		SC6		N Satis w/ folowup care after inital treat
				50			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				3,034			1 Very satisfied
				11,050			2 Satisfied
				480			3 Dissatisfied
				101			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,948			5 No experience

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MCCONCRN	182	2	SAT1FMT		SC7		N Satis w/ Dr's concern for overall health
				113			-8 Don't know
				9			-7 Refused
				3,340			1 Very satisfied
				11,565			2 Satisfied
				720			3 Dissatisfied
				138			4 Very dissatisfied
				785			5 No experience
MCSAMLOC	184	2	SAT1FMT		SC8		N Satis w/ get med care done same location
				64			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				2,444			1 Very satisfied
				11,489			2 Satisfied
				680			3 Dissatisfied
				104			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,882			5 No experience
MCSPECAR	186	2	SAT1FMT		SC8a		N Satis w/ avail of care by specialists
				67			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				3,060			1 Very satisfied
				10,797			2 Satisfied
				475			3 Dissatisfied
				116			4 Very dissatisfied
				2,148			5 No experience
NOTE: First available in 1996							
MCTELANS	188	2	SAT1FMT		SC8b		N Ease w/ get treat/presc answers on phone
				63			-8 Don't know
				6			-7 Refused
				2,019			1 Very satisfied
				9,505			2 Satisfied
				666			3 Dissatisfied
				222			4 Very dissatisfied
				4,189			5 No experience
NOTE: First available in 1996							
MCDISSFY	190	2	DISAFFMT		SC9		N Things abt med services - dissatis with
				38			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				12,770			1 Not dissatisfied with anything
				3,857			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMDIS1-3

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VCMCDIS1	192	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 1st code - What abt med serv SP dissatis
				12,813			. Inapplicable
				715			1 Cost of health care
				34			2 Can't afford
				407			3 Services covered
				123			4 Inconvenient location
				356			5 Waiting time
				130			6 Time spent with doctor
				45			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				13			8 Unnecessary tests
				430			9 Doctor's attitude
				129			10 Paperwork
				12			11 Rarely use services
				128			12 Attitude of other medical person
				397			13 Doctor's competence
				223			14 Competence of other medical person
				10			15 No preventative care
				13			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				125			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				40			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				74			19 HMO restrictions on services
				110			20 Cant see same HMO prov / no prov choice
				343			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTE: Applies only if MCDISSFY = 91

VCMCDIS2	194	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 2nd code - What abt med serv SP dissatis
				15,947			. Inapplicable
				73			1 Cost of health care
				50			2 Can't afford
				80			3 Services covered
				22			4 Inconvenient location
				49			5 Waiting time
				37			6 Time spent with doctor
				37			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				3			8 Unnecessary tests
				94			9 Doctor's attitude
				17			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				31			12 Attitude of other medical person
				61			13 Doctor's competence
				33			14 Competence of other medical person
				5			15 No preventative care
				9			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				22			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				1			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				21			19 HMO restrictions on services
				20			20 Cant see same HMO prov / no prov choice
				58			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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VCMCDIS3	196	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 3rd code - What abt med serv SP dissatis
				16,608			. Inapplicable
				1			1 Cost of health care
				3			2 Can't afford
				3			3 Services covered
				3			4 Inconvenient location
				4			5 Waiting time
				5			6 Time spent with doctor
				5			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				0			8 Unnecessary tests
				12			9 Doctor's attitude
				2			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				2			12 Attitude of other medical person
				4			13 Doctor's competence
				3			14 Competence of other medical person
				0			15 No preventative care
				2			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				2			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				1			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				1			19 HMO restrictions on services
				2			20 Cant see same HMO prov / no prov choice
				7			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

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

VCMCDIS4	198	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 4th code - What abt med serv SP dissatis
				16,666			. Inapplicable
				1			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
				0			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				0			8 Unnecessary tests
				0			9 Doctor's attitude
				0			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				0			12 Attitude of other medical person
				1			13 Doctor's competence
				0			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
				0			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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MCIMPROV	200	2	IMPROFMT		SC10		N Things abt med services need improvement
				93			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				12,972			1 No improvement
				3,601			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMCIMP1-3
VCMCIMP1	202	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 1st code - improve needed w/ med serv
				13,069			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				517			1 Reduce cost
				23			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				642			3 Expansion of covered services
				64			4 More convenient location
				414			5 Reduce wait time
				134			6 More time spent with patients
				35			7 More thorough exam
				1			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				292			9 Improve attitude: physician
				39			10 Reduce paperwork
				53			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				131			12 Improve competence of physician
				73			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				113			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				8			15 Rarely use services
				69			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				69			17 Referral process at HMO
				47			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				874			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTE: Applies only if MCIMPROV = 91

VCMCIMP2	204	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 2nd code - improve needed w/ med serv
				16,065			. Inapplicable
				59			1 Reduce cost
				18			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				97			3 Expansion of covered services
				10			4 More convenient location
				38			5 Reduce wait time
				33			6 More time spent with patients
				19			7 More thorough exam
				2			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				87			9 Improve attitude: physician
				5			10 Reduce paperwork
				17			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				29			12 Improve competence of physician
				36			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				13			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				0			15 Rarely use services
				15			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				15			17 Referral process at HMO
				15			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				97			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

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VCMCIMP3	206	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 3rd code - improve needed w/ med serv
				16,627			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Reduce cost
				1			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				6			3 Expansion of covered services
				1			4 More convenient location
				3			5 Reduce wait time
				7			6 More time spent with patients
				1			7 More thorough exam
				0			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				8			9 Improve attitude: physician
				1			10 Reduce paperwork
				3			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				3			12 Improve competence of physician
				1			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				1			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				0			15 Rarely use services
				0			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				0			17 Referral process at HMO
				0			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				3			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

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

VCMCIMP4	208	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 4th code - improve needed w/ med serv
				16,667			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Reduce cost
				0			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				0			3 Expansion of covered services
				0			4 More convenient location
				0			5 Reduce wait time
				0			6 More time spent with patients
				1			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
				2			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	210	2	TRUE2FMT		SC10a		N Worry abt hlth more than others your age
				224			-8 Don't know
				6			-7 Refused
				3,261			1 True
				13,179			2 False
				NOTE: First available in 1996			
MCAVOID	212	2	TRUE2FMT		SC10b		N Do almost anything to avoid going to Dr
				68			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				4,959			1 True
				11,638			2 False
				NOTE: First available in 1996			
MCSICK	214	2	TRUE2FMT		SC10c		N When sick - try keeping sickness to self
				104			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				6,541			1 True
				10,020			2 False
				NOTE: First available in 1996			
MCDRSoon	216	2	TRUE2FMT		SC10d		N Usually go to Dr as soon as you feel bad
				115			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				6,416			1 True
				10,134			2 False
				NOTE: First available in 1996			
MCDRNSEE	218	2	YES2FMT		SC11		N Hlth prob think Dr should see but didn't
				28			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				1,434			1 Yes
				15,204			2 No
MCDRATMP	220	2	YES1FMT		SC12a		N Attempt to get Dr appoint abt condition
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				354			1 Yes
				1,080			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
				First available in 1998			
MCRNSERS	222	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think not serious
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				493			1 Indicated
				937			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			

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MCRCOST	224	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think cost too much
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				312			1 Indicated
				1,118			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRTIME	226	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - didn't have time
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				80			1 Indicated
				1,350			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRAPPT	228	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't get appoint
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				74			1 Indicated
				1,356			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRAVAIL	230	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no Dr available
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				67			1 Indicated
				1,363			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRWAY	232	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no way to get to Dr
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				95			1 Indicated
				1,335			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRFAMILY	234	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't leave family
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				27			1 Indicated
				1,403			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCDRCDM	236	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think can't do much
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				252			1 Indicated
				1,178			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			

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MCRFEAR	238	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - feared what's wrong
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				139			1 Indicated
				1,291			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCDRCHG	240	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - charge>Medicare pay
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				48			1 Indicated
				1,382			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRACCP	242	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - accept no Medicaid
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				27			1 Indicated
				1,403			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRDOCTR	244	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - don't trust/afraid
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				0			1 Indicated
				1,430			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
				First available in 1996			
MCRHOSP	246	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - fear be put in hosp
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				0			1 Indicated
				1,430			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
				First available in 1996			
MCRNOCAR	248	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no feel like/care
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			1 Indicated
				1,429			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
				First available in 1996			

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MCRUNABL	250	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - needed house call
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				0			1 Indicated
				1,430			2 Not indicated
			NOTES: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1 First available in 1996				
MCROTHR	252	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - other
				15,236			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				254			1 Indicated
				1,176			2 Not indicated
			NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1				
MCRMAIN	254	2	NODOCFMT		SC14		N Main reason SP not see Dr abt condition?
				15,240			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-7 Refused
				421			1 Problem not serious
				252			2 Costs too much
				63			3 Didn't have time
				49			4 Appointment not soon enough
				45			5 No doctor available
				54			6 No way to doctor
				10			7 Couldn't leave other family member
				178			8 SP thought Dr couldn't do much abt prob
				94			9 SP afraid of finding out what was wrong
				17			10 Dr charges more than Medicare pays
				13			11 SP couldn't find Dr to accept Medicaid
				0			12 Afraid of doctor
				0			13 Afraid of hospital
				1			14 Didn't care
				0			15 Needed house call
				231			91 Other specify
			NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1				
PMNOTGET	256	2	YES2FMT		SC15		N Were there presc medicines SP didn't get
				23			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				597			1 Yes
				16,047			2 No
			NOTE: First available in 1996				
PMNAME1	258	25			SC16		C Name of medicine didn't get this yr - 1
			NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996				
PMNAME2	283	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				

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PMNAME3	308	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	333	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	358	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	383	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - not for condition
							16,073 . Inapplicable
						1	-8 Don't know
						98	1 Indicated
						498	2 Not indicated
							NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996
PMCOST	385	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - medicine too costly
							16,073 . Inapplicable
						1	-8 Don't know
						292	1 Indicated
						304	2 Not indicated
							NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996
PMNOCOV	387	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - insurance didnt cover
							16,073 . Inapplicable
						1	-8 Don't know
						118	1 Indicated
						478	2 Not indicated
							NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996
PMNOTIME	389	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - didn't have time
							16,073 . Inapplicable
						1	-8 Don't know
						4	1 Indicated
						592	2 Not indicated
							NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996

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PMNOSOON	391	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - not get soon enough
				16,073			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				3			1 Indicated
				593			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			
PMPHARM	393	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - pharmacy inconvenient
				16,073			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				3			1 Indicated
				593			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			
PMNOWAY	395	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - no way to get it
				16,073			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				4			1 Indicated
				592			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			
PMNOHELP	397	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - won't help condition
				16,073			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				31			1 Indicated
				565			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			
PMREACT	399	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - feared reaction
				16,073			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				84			1 Indicated
				512			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			
PMNONEED	401	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - got better - no need
				16,073			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				19			1 Indicated
				577			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1			
				First available in 1996			

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PMNOLIKE	403	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - dislike taking meds
				16,073			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				29			1 Indicated
				567			2 Not indicated
NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996							
PMOTHER	405	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - other
				16,073			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				69			1 Indicated
				527			2 Not indicated
NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996							
PMOTHOS	407	30			SC17		C SP didn't get Rx - other (specify)
NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996							
PMMAIN	437	2	PMMEDFMT		SC18		N Main reason didn't get medicine this yr
				16,074			. Inapplicable
				81			1 Didn't think med was necessary for cond
				249			2 Thought it would cost too much
				70			3 Med not covered by insurand or Medicaid
				3			4 Didn't have time
				2			5 Could not get the medicine soon enough
				2			6 No pharmacy convenient
				2			7 Didn't have a way to get medicine
				22			8 Didn't think med would help condition
				70			9 Afraid of reactions/contraindications
				15			10 Felt better - didn't need medicine
				14			11 Dont like to take medicine
				66			91 Other
NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996							
PLACEPAR	439	2	YES2FMT		US1		N Does SP go particular place for med care
				9			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				15,740			1 Yes
				916			2 No

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PLACEKND	441	2	PLACEFMT		US2		N Kind of place SP usually go for med care
				930			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				11,517			1 Doctor's office or group practice
				1,702			2 Doctor's clinic
				1,435			3 HMO
				147			4 Neighborhood or family health center
				0			5 Freestanding surgery center
				42			6 Rural Health Clinic
				5			7 Company clinic
				98			8 Other clinic
				19			9 Walk-in urgent care center
				50			10 At home
				31			11 Hospital emergency room
				377			12 Hospital outpatient department
				291			13 Veterans' Administration facility
				7			14 Mental health center
				9			91 Other, specify

NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

PLACEMCP	443	2	YES1FMT		US2A		N Is Dr/clinic associated w/ SP's MCP?
				13,487			. Inapplicable
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				15			-8 Don't know
				3,014			1 Yes
				149			2 No

NOTES: Applies only if SP currently belongs to a managed care plan
First available in 1999

USUALDOC	445	2	YES1FMT		US4		N Is there particular Dr SP usually sees
				12,497			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				3,618			1 Yes
				549			2 No

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

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D_USSPCW	447	2	SPCLFMT		US6		N MD spec, incl in home/hosp--usually seen
				1,485			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				321			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				11			1 Allergy & Immunology
				5			2 Anesthesiology
				549			3 Cardiology (heart)
				7			5 Dermatology (skin)
				8			6 Emergency Room physician
				99			7 Endocrinology & metabolism
				2,802			8 Family practice
				72			9 Gastroenterology
				6,273			10 General practice
				49			11 General surgery
				92			12 Geriatrics
				46			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				25			14 Hematology (blood)
				5			15 Hospital residence
				3,818			16 Internal medicine
				88			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				53			18 Neurology
				9			19 Nuclear Medicine
				109			20 Oncology
				13			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				32			22 Orthopaedics
				231			24 Osteopathy
				12			25 Ear,nose,throat
				1			26 Pathology
				5			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				1			28 Plastic surgery
				1			29 Proctology
				115			30 Psychology/Psychtiary
				115			31 Pulmonology
				0			32 Radiology
				64			33 Rheumatology
				5			34 Thoracic Surgery
				31			35 Urology
				116			91 Other physician specialty

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

USHOUSCL	449	2	YES1FMT		US7		N Does Dr make house calls?
				980			. Inapplicable
				1,598			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				712			1 Yes
				13,379			2 No

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

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GETUSHOW	451	2	GODRFMT		US8		N How does SP usually get to Dr's office?
				980			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				461			1 Walking
				9,589			2 Driving
				4,659			3 Being driven
				165			4 Ambulance or other special vehicle
				144			5 Taxi
				580			6 Other public transportation
				34			7 Doctor comes to home
				9			8 Senior citizen van/bus
				41			91 Other, specify

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

D_GETUS	453	4	SECFMT		US9		N Mins - usually take to get Dr's office
				1,083			. Inapplicable
				9,098			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				4,772			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				928			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				421			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				55			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				128			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				13			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				65			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				107			120<-2880 2 or more hrs

NOTES: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7
First available in 1992

ACCOMPUS	457	2	YES1FMT		US10		N Does someone accompany SP to Dr's office
				1,022			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				6,695			1 Yes
				8,947			2 No

NOTE: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7

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D_ACCREL	459	2	RELFMT		US11		N Who usually goes w/ SP to Dr's office?
				9,975			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample Person
				3,228			2 Spouse
				435			3 Son
				1,341			4 Daughter
				66			5 Brother
				196			6 Sister
				48			7 Father
				266			8 Mother
				23			9 Son-in-law
				120			10 Daughter-in-law
				23			11 Grandson
				92			12 Granddaughter
				20			13 Nephew
				104			14 Niece
				54			50 Partner/roommate
				331			51 Friend/neighbor
				9			52 Boarder
				29			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				3			54 Legal/financial officer
				13			55 Guardian
				86			91 Other relative
				207			92 Other non-relative

NOTE: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1

USMCCHK	461	2	CHKFMT		US12		N Does Medicare send check to SP or to Dr?
				5,670			. Inapplicable
				7			-9 Not ascertained
				122			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				525			1 To SP
				10,052			2 To doctor
				292			3 No payment from Medicare

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

PAIDMORE	463	2	YES1FMT		US13		N Ever pay Dr more than Medicare approves
				5,962			. Inapplicable
				7			-9 Not ascertained
				340			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				762			1 Yes
				9,598			2 No

NOTE: Inapplicable if USMCCHK = 3 or .

USFINDMC	465	2	YES1FMT		US14		N Try find Dr accept Medicare approved amt
				15,908			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				46			1 Yes
				714			2 No

NOTE: Applies only if PAIDMORE = 1

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USHOWLNG	467	2	DOCFMT		US15		N How long seeing Dr/going service place
				930			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				85			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,614			1 Less than 1 year
				3,313			2 1 year to < 3 years
				2,772			3 3 yearrs to < 5 years
				3,114			4 5 years to < 10 years
				4,838			5 10 years or more
							NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1
USONEYEY	469	2	LESSFMT		US16		N Dr seen less than a year/a year or more
				16,585			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				3			1 Less than 1 year
				80			2 1 year or more
							NOTE: Applies only if USHOWLING = -8
PREVMEDC	471	2	YES1FMT		US17		N Before usual Dr had SP seen other Dr?
				15,053			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,409			1 Yes
				207			2 No
							NOTE: Applies only if USHOWLING = 1 or USONEYEY = 1
PREVSTIL	473	2	YES1FMT		US18		N Still see other Dr or go to other place?
				15,261			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				97			1 Yes
				1,311			2 No
							NOTE: Applies only if PREVMEDC = 1
PREVNOGO	475	2	WHYFMT		US19		N Why SP no see previous Dr/place anymore
				15,359			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				204			1 Prior doctor retired
				30			2 Prior doctor died
				229			3 Prior doctor moved
				162			4 SP moved
				85			5 Prior doctor/provider too far away
				18			6 Prior Dr/provider charge > Mcare paid
				252			7 Dissatisfied w/prior Dr/provider
				86			8 SP joined HMO
				52			9 SP changed insurance company
				68			10 Doctor changed practice
				121			91 Other
							NOTE: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 2

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NOTE: Inapplicable if PREVNOGO = .

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NOTE: Applies if USPAPWRK = 1, 2, or 3

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USCKEVRY	495	2	AGREE		US27		N Dr checks everything when examining SP
				930			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				139			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				4,024			1 Strongly agree
				10,398			2 Agree
				932			3 Disagree
				79			4 Strongly disagree
				161			5 No experience

NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USCOMPET	497	2	AGREE		US28		N Your Dr is competent and well-trained
				930			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				275			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				4,541			1 Strongly agree
				10,642			2 Agree
				150			3 Disagree
				20			4 Strongly disagree
				105			5 No experience

NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USUNHIST	499	2	AGREE		US29		N Dr has good understanding of med history
				930			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				280			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				4,109			1 Strongly agree
				10,564			2 Agree
				569			3 Disagree
				44			4 Strongly disagree
				167			5 No experience

NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USUNWRNG	501	2	AGREE		US30		N Dr complete understand what wrong w/ SP
				930			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				329			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				3,586			1 Strongly agree
				10,698			2 Agree
				863			3 Disagree
				63			4 Strongly disagree
				195			5 No experience

NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

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NUSNOTSK	519	2	YES1FMT		US39		N No source of care - seldom or never sick
				15,754			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				566			1 Yes
				345			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			
NUSMOVIN	521	2	YES1FMT		US40		N No source of care - recent move to area
				15,754			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				86			1 Yes
				827			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			
NUSAVAIL	523	2	YES1FMT		US41		N No source of care - Amer Dr unavailable
				15,754			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				155			1 Yes
				756			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			
USWHYNAV	525	2	WHYFMT		US42		N Why is SP's usual Dr no longer available
				16,515			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				55			1 Prior doctor retired
				30			2 Prior doctor died
				29			3 Prior doctor moved
				13			4 SP moved
				7			5 Prior doctor/provider too far away
				0			6 Prior Dr/provider charge > Mcare paid
				0			7 Dissatisfied w/prior Dr/provider
				0			8 SP joined HMO
				0			9 SP changed insurance company
				0			10 Doctor changed practice
				20			91 Other
				NOTE: Applies only if NUSAVAIL = 1			
NUSDIFFP	527	2	YES1FMT		US43		N No source of care - like different place
				15,754			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				91			1 Yes
				818			2 No
				NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			

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NUSTOOFR	529	2	YES1FMT		US44		N No source of care - places too far away
				15,754			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				65			1 Yes
				847			2 No
							NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
NUSTOOEX	531	2	YES1FMT		US45		N No source of care - cost too expensive
				15,754			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				158			1 Yes
				752			2 No
							NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
MDVCHVC1	533	2	MDVCFMT		AC28b		N 1st reason SP didn't see 1st choice Dr
				16,351			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				42			1 Dr was assigned, SP had no choice
				48			2 Dr was out of the office that day
				64			3 Dr too busy, no appointment available
				26			4 Emergency situatoin, walk-in clinic
				28			5 Dr on vacation or leave of absence
				14			6 Dr moved to another location
				6			7 Dr retired or died
				12			8 SP needed a specialist or referral
				12			9 Dr was not in insurance plan
				65			91 Other specified
				0			95 Unable to code
							NOTES: Applies only if MDVCHOIC = 2 First available in 1999
MDVCHVC2	535	2	MDVCFMT		AC28b		N 2nd reason SP didn't see 1st choice Dr
				16,662			. Inapplicable
				1			1 Dr was assigned, SP had no choice
				1			2 Dr was out of the office that day
				0			3 Dr too busy, no appointment available
				2			4 Emergency situatoin, walk-in clinic
				0			5 Dr on vacation or leave of absence
				0			6 Dr moved to another location
				0			7 Dr retired or died
				1			8 SP needed a specialist or referral
				1			9 Dr was not in insurance plan
				2			91 Other specified
				0			95 Unable to code
							NOTES: Applies only if MDVCHOIC = 2 and 2nd reason was given First available in 1999

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MDVCHVC3	537	2	MDVCFMT		AC28b		N 3rd reason SP didn't see 1st choice Dr
				16,670			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Dr was assigned, SP had no choice
				0			2 Dr was out of the office that day
				0			3 Dr too busy, no appointment available
				0			4 Emergency situatoin, walk-in clinic
				0			5 Dr on vacation or leave of absence
				0			6 Dr moved to another location
				0			7 Dr retired or died
				0			8 SP needed a specialist or referral
				0			9 Dr was not in insurance plan
				0			91 Other specified
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if MDVCHOIC = 2 and 3rd reason was given
First available in 1999