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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
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BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT				C Unique SP Identification Number
				15,246			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
GENHELTH	12	2	GENHFMT		HS1		N General hlth compare to others same age
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				42			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				2,090			1 Excellent
				3,801			2 Very good
				4,789			3 Good
				3,054			4 Fair
				1,455			5 Poor
COMPHLTH	14	2	COMPFMT		HS1a		N Health compared to one year ago
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				27			-8 Don't know
				15			-7 Refused
				612			1 Much better
				1,620			2 Somewhat better
				9,288			3 About the same
				3,109			4 Somewhat worse
				574			5 Much worse

Note: First available in 1996

HELMTACT	16	2	TIMEFMT		HS2		N Hlth limits social activity in past mo
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				24			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				9,356			1 None of the time
				3,301			2 Some of the time
				1,566			3 Most of the time
				984			4 All of the time
ECHELP	18	2	BLNDFMT		HS3		N SP wear eyeglasses/contact lenses
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				13,062			1 Yes
				2,071			2 No
				94			3 Blind

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DCTROUB	32	2	YES2FMT		HS8		N SP have difficulty eating solid foods
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				7			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				1,869			1 Yes
				13,355			2 No
HEIGHTFT	34	2	HEITFMT		HS9		N Height of SP--feet
				29			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				15,216			3-7 Height in feet
HEIGHTIN	36	2	INCHFMT		HS9		N Height of SP--inches
				73			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				15,170			0-11 Inch portion of height
WEIGHT	38	3	WEITFMT		HS10		N Weight of SP in pounds
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				341			-8 Don't know
				114			-7 Refused
				2		0-50	0-50 Pounds
				369		51-100	51-100 Pounds
				5,503		101-150	101-150 Pounds
				6,608		151-200	151-200 Pounds
				1,866		201-250	201-250 Pounds
				359		251-300	251-300 Pounds
				60		301-350	301-350 Pounds
				14		351-400	351-400 Pounds
				9		401-999	Over 400 Pounds
BPTAKEN	41	2	BPTAKE		HS10a		N Most recent time SP's blood pressure tak
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				83			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				12,964		1	Less than 6 months ago
				1,342		2	6 months to 1 year ago
				442		3	1 year to less than 2 years ago
				204		4	2 years to less than 5 years ago
				165		5	5 or more years ago
				29		6	Never had blood pressure taken

Note: First available in 2001

BCTAKEN	43	2	BPTAKE	HS10b	N Last time SP's blood cholesterol taken
			1		-9 Not ascertained
			900		-8 Don't know
			17		-7 Refused
			8,863		1 Less than 6 months ago
			2,702		2 6 months to 1 year ago
			1,189		3 1 year to less than 2 years ago
			555		4 2 years to less than 5 years ago
			350		5 5 or more years ago
			669		6 Never had blood pressure taken

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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
MAMMOGRM	45	2	YES1FMT	HS11			N Had mammogram/breast X-ray in last yr
				6,779			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				68			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				4,244			1 Yes
				4,145			2 No
				Note: Inapplicable if SP is male			
PAPSMEAR	47	2	YES1FMT	HS12			N SP had Pap smear in last year
				6,779			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				123			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				2,968			1 Yes
				5,366			2 No
				Note: Inapplicable if SP is male			
HYSTEREC	49	2	YES1FMT	HS13			N SP ever had hysterectomy
				8,515			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				31			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,764			1 Yes
				3,932			2 No
				Note: Applies to females in supplemental sample or where PAPNHYST = 2			
DIGTEXAM	51	2	YES1FMT	HS13a			N SP had digital rectal prostate exam
				8,467			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				163			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				3,195			1 Yes
				3,413			2 No
				Notes: Inapplicable if SP is female First available in 1998			
BLOODTST	53	2	YES1FMT	HS13b			N SP had blood test for prostate cancer
				8,467			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				391			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				3,950			1 Yes
				2,430			2 No
				Notes: Inapplicable if SP is female First available in 1998			

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PROSRMVD	55	2	PROSFMT		HS13c		N Has the prostate gland been removed?
				8,467			. Inapplicable
				574			1 Prostate was removed
				6,205			2 Information was not volunteered
Notes: Inapplicable if SP is female First available in 1999							
FLUSHOT	57	2	YES2FMT		HS14		N SP have flu shot for last winter
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				117			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				9,673			1 Yes
				5,441			2 No
FLUSITE	59	2	SITEFMT		HS14b		N Where last flu shot was given
				5,573			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				34			-8 Don't know
				5,096			1 Doctor's office/Group Practice
				861			2 Doctor's clinic
				385			3 Managed care plan center/HMO
				289			4 Neighborhood/Family health center
				4			5 Freestanding surgical clinic
				187			6 Rural health clinic
				57			7 Company clinic
				244			8 Other clinic
				27			9 Walk-in urgent center
				10			10 Hospital emergency room
				405			11 Hospital outpatient dept/Clinic
				294			12 V.A. facility
				126			13 Health fair
				736			14 Shopping mall/other store
				429			15 Senior center
				199			16 SP's home
				126			17 Church/school
				8			18 Library
				154			91 Other
Notes: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 1 First available in 2000							
PNEUSHOT	61	2	YES2FMT		HS15		N SP ever have shot for pneumonia?
				223			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				9,273			1 Yes
				5,748			2 No
EVERSMOK	63	2	YES2FMT		HS16		N SP ever smoked cigarettes/cigars/tobacco
				2			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				9,052			1 Yes
				6,191			2 No

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SMOKNOW	65	2	YES1FMT		HS17		N Does SP smoke now?
				6,194			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				10			-7 Refused
				2,282			1 Yes
				6,755			2 No
Note: Inapplicable if EVERSMOK = 2							
DIFSTOOP	67	2	DIF2FMT		HS18		N Difficulty stooping/crouching/kneeling
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				4,095			1 No Difficulty
				3,084			2 Little Difficulty
				2,798			3 Some Difficulty
				3,095			4 Lot of Difficulty
				2,149			5 Unable to do it
DIFLIFT	69	2	DIF2FMT		HS19		N Difficulty lifting/carrying 10 pounds
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				20			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				8,638			1 No Difficulty
				1,950			2 Little Difficulty
				1,447			3 Some Difficulty
				1,402			4 Lot of Difficulty
				1,772			5 Unable to do it
DIFREACH	71	2	DIF2FMT		HS20		N Difficulty extending arms above shoulder
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				12			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				10,579			1 No Difficulty
				1,716			2 Little Difficulty
				1,237			3 Some Difficulty
				1,018			4 Lot of Difficulty
				667			5 Unable to do it
DIFWRITE	73	2	DIF2FMT		HS21		N Difficulty writing/handling object
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				10,639			1 No Difficulty
				2,094			2 Little Difficulty
				1,335			3 Some Difficulty
				888			4 Lot of Difficulty
				269			5 Unable to do it

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DIFWALK	75	2	DIF2FMT	HS22			N Difficulty walking 1/4 mile or 2-3 blocks
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				25			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				7,456			1 No Difficulty
				1,613			2 Little Difficulty
				1,537			3 Some Difficulty
				1,632			4 Lot of Difficulty
				2,966			5 Unable to do it
OCARTERY	77	2	YES2FMT	HS23a			N Ever told had hardening of arteries
				34			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,536			1 Yes
				13,674			2 No
OCHBP	79	2	YES2FMT	HS23b			N Ever told had hypertension/hi blood pres
				14			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				8,653			1 Yes
				6,577			2 No
D_HBP	81	2	YES1FMT	HS23b1			N Had high blood pressure since year ago?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				37			-8 Don't know
				18			-7 Refused
				6,622			1 Yes
				8,568			2 No
OCMYOCAR	83	2	YES2FMT	HS23c			N Ever told had myocard infarct/hrt attack
				14			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,181			1 Yes
				13,049			2 No
D_MYOCAR	85	2	YES1FMT	HS23c1			N Had myocardial infarc. since year ago?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				26			-8 Don't know
				18			-7 Refused
				386			1 Yes
				14,815			2 No
OCCHD	87	2	YES2FMT	HS23d			N Ever told had angina pectoris/CHD
				29			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,995			1 Yes
				13,219			2 No

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D_CHD	89	2	YES1FMT		HS23d1		N Had coronary heart dis. since year ago?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				52			-8 Don't know
				19			-7 Refused
				603			1 Yes
				14,571			2 No
OCOTHART	91	2	YES2FMT		HS23e		N Ever told had other heart conditions
				14			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				4,913			1 Yes
				10,316			2 No
D_OTHHRT	93	2	YES1FMT		HS23e4a		N Had other heart cond. since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				20			-7 Refused
				461			1 Yes
				14,724			2 No
D_CFAIL	95	2	YES1FMT		HS23e1a		N Had hart failure since year ago?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				32			-8 Don't know
				19			-7 Refused
				419			1 Yes
				14,775			2 No
D_VALVE	97	2	YES1FMT		HS23e2a		N Had prbs with valves since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				59			-8 Don't know
				20			-7 Refused
				427			1 Yes
				14,738			2 No

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D_RHYTHM	99	2	YES1FMT		HS23e3a		N Had prbs w/ heart rhythm since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				50			-8 Don't know
				20			-7 Refused
				1,245			1 Yes
				13,929			2 No
OCSTROKE	101	2	YES2FMT		HS23f		N Ever told had stroke/brain hemorrhage
				15			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,832			1 Yes
				13,396			2 No
D_STROKE	103	2	YES1FMT		HS23f1		N Had stroke/brain hemmor. since yr ago?
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				31			-8 Don't know
				20			-7 Refused
				409			1 Yes
				14,783			2 No
OCCSKIN	105	2	YES2FMT		HS23g		N Ever told had skin cancer
				11			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,617			1 Yes
				12,615			2 No

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D_CSKIN	107	2	YES1FMT	HS23g1			N Had skin cancer since year ago?
				14,512			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				286			1 Yes
				447			2 No
OCCANCER	109	2	YES2FMT	HS23h			N Ever told had other (non-skin) cancer
				9			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,653			1 Yes
				12,581			2 No
D_CANCER	111	2	YES1FMT	HS23h1			N Had any cancer since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				18			-8 Don't know
				18			-7 Refused
				522			1 Yes
				14,686			2 No
OCCLUNG	113	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--lung
				12,593			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				129			1 Yes
				2,521			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCCOLON	115	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body prt w/cancer--colon/bowel/rectum
				12,593			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				415			1 Yes
				2,235			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCBREAST	117	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--breast
				12,593			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				654			1 Yes
				1,996			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			

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OCCUTER	119	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--uterus
				12,593			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				290			1 Yes
				2,360			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCPROST	121	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--prostate
				12,593			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				518			1 Yes
				2,132			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCBLAD	123	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--bladder
				12,593			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				133			1 Yes
				2,518			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCOVARY	125	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--ovary
				12,593			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				113			1 Yes
				2,537			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCSTOM	127	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--stomach
				12,593			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				64			1 Yes
				2,586			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCCERVX	129	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--cervix
				12,593			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				89			1 Yes
				2,561			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			

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OCCOTHER	143	2	YES1FMT	HS23i			N Body part w/cancer--other
				12,593			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				431			1 Yes
				2,219			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCDIABTS	145	2	YES2FMT	HS23j			N Ever told had diabetes/hi blood sugar
				1			. Missing
				7			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,814			1 Yes
				12,420			2 No
OCARTH RH	147	2	YES2FMT	HS23k			N Ever told had rheumatoid arthritis
				41			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,597			1 Yes
				13,605			2 No
OCARTH	149	2	YES2FMT	HS23l			N Ever told had non-rheumatoid arthritis
				31			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				8,376			1 Yes
				6,835			2 No
D_ ARTH RD	151	2	YES1FMT	HS23ll			N Had non-rheumatoid arth since year ago?
				1,031			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				59			-8 Don't know
				20			-7 Refused
				3,186			1 Yes
				10,947			2 No
OCAARM	153	2	YES1FMT	HS23m			N Body part w/arthritis-arm/hand/shoulder
				6,870			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				4,592			1 Yes
				3,782			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			
OCAFEET	155	2	YES1FMT	HS23n			N Body part w/arthritis-hip/knee/feet/leg
				6,870			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				4,843			1 Yes
				3,531			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			

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OCABACK	157	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/had arthritis-back
				6,870			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				2,618			1 Yes
				5,756			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCANECK	159	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-neck
				6,870			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1,048			1 Yes
				7,326			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCAALOVR	161	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-all over/joints
				6,870			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1,590			1 Yes
				6,784			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCAOTHER	163	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-other
				6,870			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				69			1 Yes
				8,305			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCMENTAL	165	2	YES2FMT		HS23n		N Ever told had mental retardation
				18			. Missing
				13			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				379			1 Yes
				14,832			2 No
OCALZHR	167	2	YES2FMT		HS23o		N Ever told had Alzheimer's/dementia
				6			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				446			1 Yes
				14,791			2 No
OCPSYCH	169	2	YES2FMT		HS23p		N Ever told had mental/psychiatric disord
				9			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				2,587			1 Yes
				12,645			2 No

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D_PSYCH	171	2	YES1FMT		HS23p1		N Had psychiatric probs since yr ago?
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				27			-8 Don't know
				21			-7 Refused
				1,685			1 Yes
				13,510			2 No
OCOSTEOP	173	2	YES2FMT		HS23q		N Ever told had osteoporosis/soft bones
				23			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,425			1 Yes
				12,794			2 No
OCBRKHIP	175	2	YES2FMT		HS23r		N Ever told had broken hip
				3			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				613			1 Yes
				14,626			2 No
D_BRKHIP	177	2	YES1FMT		HS23r1		N Had broken hip since year ago?
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				20			-7 Refused
				125			1 Yes
				15,088			2 No
OCPARKIN	179	2	YES2FMT		HS23s		N Ever told had Parkinson's disease
				2			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				189			1 Yes
				15,051			2 No
OCEMPHYS	181	2	YES2FMT		HS23t		N Ever told had emphysema/asthma/COPD
				11			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,292			1 Yes
				12,939			2 No
OCPPARAL	183	2	YES2FMT		HS23u		N Ever told had complete/partial paralysis
				4			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				807			1 Yes
				14,431			2 No
D_PPARAL	185	2	YES1FMT		HS23u1		N Had paralysis since year ago?
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				20			-7 Refused
				267			1 Yes
				14,946			2 No

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OCAMPUTE	187	2	YES2FMT		HS23v		N Ever lost an arm or leg
				1			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				219			1 Yes
				15,023			2 No
HAVEPROS	189	2	YES1FMT		HS23w		N SP ever been told: Enlarged prostate/BPH
				8,468			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				31			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,897			1 Yes
				4,845			2 No
Notes: Inapplicable if SP is female							
First available in 1999							
D_PROST	191	2	YES1FMT		HS23w1		N Had prostate probs since year ago?
				8,703			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				62			-8 Don't know
				11			-7 Refused
				817			1 Yes
				5,650			2 No

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EMCAUSC1	193	2	CAUSEFMT		HS25		N 1st cause of Medicare eligibility
				7,575			. Inapplicable
				14			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				246			1 Back/spine/disc
				56			2 Severe eyesight loss
				25			3 Severe hearing loss
				72			4 Kidney/renal failure
				38			5 Seizure disorder
				37			6 Car/bike/train accident
				41			7 Multiple sclerosis
				9			8 Muscular dystrophy
				18			9 Cerebral palsy
				14			10 Broken bones
				28			11 Hardening of the arteries
				93			12 High blood pressure
				59			13 Myocardial infarction
				36			14 Angina pectoris
				23			15 Other heart condition
				104			16 Stroke
				2			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				56			18 Cancer or tumor
				68			19 Diabetes
				91			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				113			21 Other arthritis
				263			22 Mental retardation
				2			23 Alzheimer's disease
				467			24 Mental disorder
				7			25 Osteoporosis
				8			26 Broken hip
				8			27 Parkinson's disease
				53			28 Emphysema or asthma
				75			29 Partial paralysis
				23			30 Loss of limb
				4			31 Cong heart failure
				1			32 Probs w/ hrt valves
				35			33 Heartbeat rhythm
				5,078			65 Gained entitlement at 65
				402			91 Other

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

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EMCAUSC2	195	2	CAUSFMT		HS25		N 2nd cause of Medicare eligibility
				14,191			. Inapplicable
				8			1 Back/spine/disc
				1			2 Severe eyesight loss
				4			3 Severe hearing loss
				0			4 Kidney/renal failure
				4			5 Seizure disorder
				8			6 Car/bike/train accident
				2			7 Multiple sclerosis
				0			8 Muscular dystrophy
				1			9 Cerebral palsy
				2			10 Broken bones
				0			11 Hardening of the arteries
				9			12 High blood pressure
				11			13 Myocardial infarction
				28			14 Angina pectoris
				18			15 Other heart condition
				71			16 Stroke
				1			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				37			18 Cancer or tumor
				66			19 Diabetes
				59			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				101			21 Other arthritis
				149			22 Mental retardation
				1			23 Alzheimer's disease
				316			24 Mental disorder
				11			25 Osteoporosis
				2			26 Broken hip
				6			27 Parkinson's disease
				48			28 Emphysema or asthma
				51			29 Partial paralysis
				14			30 Loss of limb
				8			31 Cong heart failure
				2			32 Probs w/ hrt valves
				0			33 Heartbeat rhythm
				0			65 Gained entitlement at 65
				16			91 Other

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

PRBTELE	197	2	ADL2FMT		HS27a		N Any difficulty using telephone
				2			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				1,088			1 Yes
				13,832			2 No
				308			3 Doesn't Do
PRBLHWK	199	2	ADL2FMT		HS27b		N Any difficulty doing light housework
				2			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				1,480			1 Yes
				12,365			2 No
				1,383			3 Doesn't Do

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Note: Applies only if PRBHHWK = 3

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DONTMEAL	215	2	YES1FMT		HS28d		N Don't prepare meals b/c health prob
				13,679			. Inapplicable
				736			1 Yes
				831			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 3			
DONTSHOP	217	2	YES1FMT		HS28e		N Don't do shopping b/c health prob
				13,938			. Inapplicable
				1,001			1 Yes
				307			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 3			
DONTBILS	219	2	YES1FMT		HS28f		N Don't manage money b/c health prob
				14,111			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				714			1 Yes
				420			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBBILS = 3			
HELPTLE	221	2	YES1FMT		HS29a		N Receive help w/ telephone
				13,918			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				732			1 Yes
				595			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBTELE = 1 or DONTTELE = 1			
HELPLHWK	223	2	YES1FMT		HS29b		N Receive help w/ light housework
				12,932			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,935			1 Yes
				378			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBLHWK = 1 or DONTLHWK = 1			
HELPHHWK	225	2	YES1FMT		HS29c		N Receive help w/ heavy housework
				9,499			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				4,509			1 Yes
				1,232			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBHHWK = 1 or DONTTHWK = 1			
HELPMEAL	227	2	YES1FMT		HS29d		N Receive help w/ preparing meals
				13,258			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,665			1 Yes
				320			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 1 or DONTMEAL = 1			

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HELPSHOP	229	2	YES1FMT	HS29e			N Receive help w/ shopping
				12,399			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				2,517			1 Yes
				329			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 1 or DONTSHOP = 1							
HELPBILS	231	2	YES1FMT	HS29f			N Receive help w/ managing money
				13,466			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1,606			1 Yes
				172			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBBILS = 1 or DONTBILS = 1							
HPPDBATH	233	2	ADL2FMT	HS31a			N Any difficulty bathing/showering
				5			-8 Don't know
				17			-7 Refused
				1,964			1 Yes
				13,167			2 No
				93			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDDRES	235	2	ADL2FMT	HS31b			N Any difficulty dressing
				3			-8 Don't know
				17			-7 Refused
				1,303			1 Yes
				13,875			2 No
				48			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDEAT	237	2	ADL2FMT	HS31c			N Any difficulty eating
				3			-8 Don't know
				17			-7 Refused
				503			1 Yes
				14,698			2 No
				25			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDCHAR	239	2	ADL2FMT	HS31d			N Any difficulty get in/out of bed/chair
				5			-8 Don't know
				17			-7 Refused
				2,253			1 Yes
				12,904			2 No
				67			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDWALK	241	2	ADL2FMT	HS31e			N Any difficulty walking
				4			-8 Don't know
				17			-7 Refused
				3,945			1 Yes
				11,030			2 No
				250			3 Doesn't Do

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HPPDTOIL	243	2	ADL2FMT	HS31f			N Any difficulty using the toilet
				5			-8 Don't know
				18			-7 Refused
				974			1 Yes
				14,201			2 No
				48			3 Doesn't Do
DONTBATH	245	2	YES1FMT	HS31aa			N Don't bathe/shower b/c health prob
				15,153			. Inapplicable
				87			1 Yes
				6			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 3 First available in 1992				
DONTDRES	247	2	YES1FMT	HS31ba			N Don't dress b/c health prob
				15,198			. Inapplicable
				48			1 Yes
				0			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 3 First available in 1992				
DONTEAT	249	2	YES1FMT	HS31ca			N Don't eat b/c health prob
				15,221			. Inapplicable
				25			1 Yes
				0			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 3 First available in 1992				
DONTCHAR	251	2	YES1FMT	HS31da			N Don't get in/out bed/chair b/c hlth prob
				15,179			. Inapplicable
				67			1 Yes
				0			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 3 First available in 1992				
DONTWALK	253	2	YES1FMT	HS31ea			N Don't walk b/c health prob
				14,996			. Inapplicable
				244			1 Yes
				6			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 3 First available in 1992				
DONTTOIL	255	2	YES1FMT	HS31fa			N Don't use toilet b/c health prob
				15,198			. Inapplicable
				48			1 Yes
				0			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 3 First available in 1992				

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HELPBATH	257	2	YES1FMT	HS32a			N Receive help w/ bathing/showering
				13,195			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,142			1 Yes
				908			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 1 or DONTBATH = 1			
HELPDRES	259	2	YES1FMT	HS32b			N Receive help w/ dressing
				13,895			. Inapplicable
				875			1 Yes
				476			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 1 or DONTDRES = 1			
HELPEAT	261	2	YES1FMT	HS32c			N Receive help w/ eating
				14,718			. Inapplicable
				201			1 Yes
				327			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 1 or DONTEAT = 1			
HELPCHAR	263	2	YES1FMT	HS32d			N Receive help w/ get in/out of bed/chair
				12,926			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				709			1 Yes
				1,610			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 1 or DONTCHAR = 1			
HELPWALK	265	2	YES1FMT	HS32e			N Receive help w/ walking
				11,057			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				742			1 Yes
				3,445			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 1 or DONTWALK = 1			
HELPTOIL	267	2	YES1FMT	HS32f			N Receive help w/ using toilet
				14,224			. Inapplicable
				359			1 Yes
				663			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 1 or DONTTOIL = 1			
PCHKBATH	269	2	YES1FMT	HS33a			N Person nearby while bathing/showering
				14,337			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				168			1 Yes
				739			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPBATH = 2			

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PCHKDRES	271	2	YES1FMT	HS33b			N Person nearby while dressing
				14,770			. Inapplicable
				71			1 Yes
				405			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPDRES = 2			
PCHKPEAT	273	2	YES1FMT	HS33c			N Person nearby while eating
				14,919			. Inapplicable
				50			1 Yes
				277			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPEAT = 2			
PCHKCHAR	275	2	YES1FMT	HS33d			N Person nearby when get in/out bed/chair
				13,635			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				200			1 Yes
				1,410			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPCHAR = 2			
PCHKWALK	277	2	YES1FMT	HS33e			N Person nearby while walking
				11,799			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				415			1 Yes
				3,030			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPWALK = 2			
PCHKTOIL	279	2	YES1FMT	HS33f			N Person nearby while using toilet
				14,583			. Inapplicable
				106			1 Yes
				557			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPTOIL = 2			
EQIPBATH	281	2	YES1FMT	HS34a			N Use equipment to help bathe/shower
				13,195			. Inapplicable
				1,151			1 Yes
				900			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 1 or DONTBATH = 1			
EQIPDRES	283	2	YES1FMT	HS34b			N Use equipment to help dress
				13,895			. Inapplicable
				156			1 Yes
				1,195			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 1 or DONTDRES = 1			

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EQUIPEAT	285	2	YES1FMT	HS34c			N Use equipment to help eat
				14,718			. Inapplicable
				57			1 Yes
				471			2 No
Note: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 1 or DONTEAT = 1							
EQIPCHAR	287	2	YES1FMT	HS34d			N Use equipment to get in/out bed/chair
				12,926			. Inapplicable
				940			1 Yes
				1,380			2 No
Note: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 1 or DONTCHAR = 1							
EQIPWALK	289	2	YES1FMT	HS34e			N Use equipment to help walk
				11,057			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				2,430			1 Yes
				1,758			2 No
Note: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 1 or DONTWALK = 1							
EQUIPTOIL	291	2	YES1FMT	HS34f			N Use equipment to help use toilet
				14,224			. Inapplicable
				574			1 Yes
				448			2 No
Note: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 1 or DONTTOIL = 1							
LONGBATH	293	2	LONGFMT	HS34aa			N How long needed help to bathe/shower
				14,104			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				94			1 Less than 3 months
				183			2 3 months to 1 year
				864			3 More than 1 year
Notes: Applies only if HELPBATH = 1 First available in 1996							
LONGDRES	295	2	LONGFMT	HS34ba			N How long needed help to dress
				14,371			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				87			1 Less than 3 months
				138			2 3 months to 1 year
				648			3 More than 1 year
Notes: Applies only if HELPDRES = 1 First available in 1996							

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Notes: Applies only if LONGDRES = 1
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STILEAT	309	2	YES1FMT	HS34cb			N Need help 3 mos from now w/ eating
				15,222			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				19			1 Yes
				2			2 No
Notes: Applies only if LONGEAT = 1 First available in 1996							
STILCHAR	311	2	YES1FMT	HS34db			N Need help 3 mos w/ get in/out bed/chair
				15,180			. Inapplicable
				6			-8 Don't know
				42			1 Yes
				18			2 No
Notes: Applies only if LONGCHAR = 1 First available in 1996							
STILWALK	313	2	YES1FMT	HS34eb			N Need help 3 mos from now w/ walking
				15,182			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				38			1 Yes
				19			2 No
Notes: Applies only if LONGWALK = 1 First available in 1996							
STILTOIL	315	2	YES1FMT	HS34fb			N Need help 3 mos from now w/ using toilet
				15,220			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				17			1 Yes
				6			2 No
Notes: Applies only if LONGTOIL = 1 First available in 1996							
D_ADLHNM	317	2	HELPRFMT	HS30, 35			N Number of ADL helpers
				6,883			. Inapplicable
				6,475			1 1 Helper
				1,458			2 2 Helpers
				320			3 3 Helpers
				81			4 4 Helpers
				24			5 5 Helpers
				4			6 6 Helpers
				1			7 7 Helpers
				0			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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MEMLOSS	319	2	YES2FMT		HS36a		N Memory loss interfere w/ daily activity
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				28			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				2,092			1 Yes
				13,108			2 No
				Note: First available in 1996			
PROBDECS	321	2	YES2FMT		HS36b		N Problem make decisions interferes w/ADLs
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				27			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				1,559			1 Yes
				13,642			2 No
				Note: First available in 1996			
TROBCONC	323	2	YES2FMT		HS36c		N SP has trouble concentrating
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				29			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				2,594			1 Yes
				12,605			2 No
				Note: First available in 1996			
TIMESAD	325	2	TIMESAD		HS36d		N Were you depressed the last 12 months?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				89			-8 Don't know
				22			-7 Refused
				354			1 All of the time
				972			2 Most of the time
				3,383			3 Some of the time
				5,143			4 A little of the time
				5,281			5 None of the time
				Note: First available in 2001			
LOSTINTR	327	2	YES2FMT		HS36e		N Did you lose interest the last 12 mos?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				107			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				2,663			1 Yes
				12,458			2 No
				Note: First available in 2001			

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LOSTURIN	329	2	URIFMT		HS37		N How often lost urine control last 12 mo
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				148			-8 Don't know
				31			-7 Refused
				1,409			1 More than once a week
				449			2 About once a week
				473			3 2-3 times a month
				385			4 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
				373			5 Every 2-3 months
				639			6 1-2 Times a year
				11,234			7 Not at all
				103			8 Dialysis/catheterized