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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
			14,916		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
GENHELTH	12	2	GENHFMT	HFA1	N General hlth compare to others same age
			2		-9 Not ascertained
			50		-8 Don't know
			16		-7 Refused
			2,161		1 Excellent
			3,746		2 Very good
			4,653		3 Good
			2,940		4 Fair
			1,348		5 Poor
COMPHLTH	14	2	COMPFMT	HFA2	N Health compared to one year ago
			2		-9 Not ascertained
			18		-8 Don't know
			13		-7 Refused
			649		1 Much better
			1,578		2 Somewhat better
			9,165		3 About the same
			2,985		4 Somewhat worse
			506		5 Much worse
Note: First available in 1996					
HELMTACT	16	2	TIMEFMT	HFA3	N Hlth limits social activity in past mo
			3		-9 Not ascertained
			28		-8 Don't know
			16		-7 Refused
			9,233		1 None of the time
			3,217		2 Some of the time
			1,474		3 Most of the time
			945		4 All of the time
ECHelp	18	2	BLNDFMT	HFB1	N SP wear eyeglasses/contact lenses
			2		-9 Not ascertained
			1		-8 Don't know
			14		-7 Refused
			12,826		1 Yes
			1,982		2 No
			91		3 Blind

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ECTROUB	20	2	LOOK2FMT		HFB2		N Description of SP vision
				108			. Inapplicable
				36			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				10,023			1 No trouble seeing
				3,627			2 A little trouble seeing
				1,052			3 A lot of trouble seeing
				69			4 No usable vision
				Note: Applies only if ECHHELP = 1 or 2			
EINTROUB	22	2	LOOKFMT		HFB3		N Difficulty reading Rx instructions/label
				10,077			. Inapplicable
				23			-8 Don't know
				2,627			1 No trouble
				1,370			2 Little trouble
				819			3 Lot of trouble
				Notes: Applies only if ECTROUB = 2, 3, or 4			
				First available in 2002			
EMCTROUB	24	2	LOOKFMT		HFB4		N Difficulty finding out about Medicare
				10,077			. Inapplicable
				29			-8 Don't know
				3,261			1 No trouble
				966			2 Little trouble
				583			3 Lot of trouble
				Notes: Applies only if ECTROUB = 2, 3, or 4			
				First available in 2002			
EOBTROUB	26	2	LOOKFMT		HFB5		N Difficulty getting medical care
				10,077			. Inapplicable
				19			-8 Don't know
				3,659			1 No trouble
				754			2 Little trouble
				407			3 Lot of trouble
				Notes: Applies only if ECTROUB = 2, 3, or 4			
				First available in 2002			
EDOCEXAM	28	2	YES2FMT		HFB6		N SP had eye exam w/ eye doctor n past yr
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				84			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				8,616			1 Yes
				6,201			2 No
				Note: First available in 2002			

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EDOCLAST	30	2	LASTFMT		HFB7		N How long since last exam by eye doctor
				8,715			. Inapplicable
				138			-8 Don't know
				125			1 Never had an eye exam
				2,717			2 1 year to less than 2 years
				2,116			3 2 years to less than 5 years
				1,105			4 5 years or more

Notes: Applies only if EDOCEXAM = 2
First available in 2002

ECCATOP	32	2	YES1FMT		HFB10		N SP ever had operation for cataracts
				43			. Inapplicable
				16			-8 Don't know
				4,104			1 Yes
				10,753			2 No

Note: Applies to new panel SPs who are not blind; in 2002, asked of blind also

HCHELP	34	2	DEAFFMT		HFC1		N Does SP use hearing aid
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				12			-7 Refused
				1,593			1 Yes
				13,273			2 No
				34			3 Deaf

HCTROUB	36	2	DEAF2FMT		HFC2		N Description of SP hearing
				50			. Missing
				15			-8 Don't know
				9,697			1 No trouble hearing
				4,157			2 A little trouble hearing
				978			3 A lot of trouble hearing
				19			4 Deaf

Note: Applies only if HCHELP = 1 or 2

HCKNOWMC	38	2	LOOKFMT		HFC3		N How diff to find Medicare info due to he
				9,728			. Inapplicable
				42			-8 Don't know
				3,988			1 No trouble
				907			2 Little trouble
				251			3 Lot of trouble

Notes: Applies only if HCHELP = 3 or HCTROUB = 2, 3, or 4
First available in 2002

HCCOMDOC	40	2	LOOKFMT		HFC4		N Trouble communicating with Dr. due to he
				9,728			. Inapplicable
				18			-8 Don't know
				3,920			1 No trouble
				990			2 Little trouble
				260			3 Lot of trouble

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DCTROUB	42	2	YES2FMT			HFD1	N SP have difficulty eating solid foods
					2		-9 Not ascertained
					6		-8 Don't know
					13		-7 Refused
					1,838		1 Yes
					13,057		2 No
HEIGHTFT	44	2	HEITFMT			HFE1	N Height of SP--feet
					1		-9 Not ascertained
					24		-8 Don't know
					1		-7 Refused
					14,890		Height in feet
HEIGHTIN	46	2	INCHFMT			HFE1	N Height of SP--inches
					1		-9 Not ascertained
					73		-8 Don't know
					2		-7 Refused
					14,840		0-11 Inch portion of height
WEIGHT	48	3	WEITFMT			HFE2	N Weight of SP in pounds
					1		-9 Not ascertained
					370		-8 Don't know
					115		-7 Refused
					1		0-50 0-50 Pounds
					325		51-100 51-100 Pounds
					5,312		101-150 101-150 Pounds
					6,369		151-200 151-200 Pounds
					1,943		201-250 201-250 Pounds
					388		251-300 251-300 Pounds
					71		301-350 301-350 Pounds
					16		351-400 351-400 Pounds
					5		Over 400 Pounds
BPTAKEN	51	2	BPTAKE			HFF1	N Most recent time SP's blood pressure tak
					2		-9 Not ascertained
					54		-8 Don't know
					13		-7 Refused
					12,916		1 Less than 6 months ago
					1,150		2 6 months to 1 year ago
					434		3 1 year to less than 2 years ago
					202		4 2 years to less than 5 years ago
					130		5 5 or more years ago
					15		6 Never had blood pressure taken

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BCTAKEN	53	2	BPTAKE		HFF2		N Last time SP's blood cholesterol taken
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				776			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				8,983			1 Less than 6 months ago
				2,677			2 6 months to 1 year ago
				1,111			3 1 year to less than 2 years ago
				493			4 2 years to less than 5 years ago
				279			5 5 or more years ago
				581			6 Never had blood pressure taken
Note: First available in 2001							
MAMMOGRM	55	2	YES1FMT		HFF3		N Had mammogram/breast X-ray in last yr
				6,734			. Inapplicable
				61			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				3,998			1 Yes
				4,115			2 No
Note: Inapplicable if SP is male							
PAPSMEAR	57	2	YES1FMT		HFF6		N SP had Pap smear in last year
				6,734			. Inapplicable
				121			-8 Don't know
				10			-7 Refused
				2,832			1 Yes
				5,219			2 No
Note: Inapplicable if SP is male							
HYSTEREC	59	2	YES1FMT		HFF9		N SP ever had hysterectomy
				7,414			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				38			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,801			1 Yes
				4,660			2 No
Note: Applies to females in supplemental sample or where PAPNHYST = 2							
PROSSURG	61	2	YES1FMT		HFF10		N Had prostate surgery in last year?
				8,749			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				14			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				415			1 Yes
				5,729			2 No

Notes: Applies to male SPs who never reported having prostate surgery
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DIGTEXAM	63	2	YES1FMT		HFF11		N SP had digital rectal prostate exam
				8,182			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				109			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				2,981			1 Yes
				3,634			2 No

Notes: Applies to male SPs who never reported having prostate surgery
First available in 1998

BLOODTST	65	2	YES1FMT		HFF12		N SP had blood test for prostate cancer
				8,182			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				358			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				4,154			1 Yes
				2,213			2 No

Notes: Applies to male SPs who never reported having prostate surgery
First available in 1998

FLUSHOT	67	2	YES2FMT		HFF15		N SP have flu shot for last winter
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				94			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				9,947			1 Yes
				4,859			2 No

FLUSITE	69	2	SITEFMT		HFF19		N Where last flu shot was given
				4,969			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				5,667			1 Doctor's office/Group Practice
				837			2 Doctor's clinic
				316			3 Managed care plan center/HMO
				170			4 Neighborhood/Family health center
				1			5 Freestanding surgical clinic
				206			6 Rural health clinic
				35			7 Company clinic
				108			8 Other clinic
				38			9 Walk-in urgent center
				15			10 Hospital emergency room
				358			11 Hospital outpatient dept/Clinic
				342			12 V.A. facility
				113			13 Health fair
				753			14 Shopping mall/other store
				428			15 Senior center
				180			16 SP's home
				143			17 Church/school
				15			18 Library
				49			28 Health Department
				22			29 Place of work
				112			91 Other

Notes: Applies only if FLUSHOT = 1
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PNEUSHOT	71	2	YES2FMT		HFF22		N SP ever have shot for pneumonia?
				221			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				9,459			1 Yes
				5,234			2 No
EVERSMOK	73	2	YES2FMT		HFG1		N SP ever smoked cigarettes/cigars/tobacco
				4			-8 Don't know
				8,873			1 Yes
				6,039			2 No
SMOKNOW	75	2	YES6FMT		HFG2		N Does SP smoke now?
				6,043			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				12			-7 Refused
				2,159			1 Yes
				6,656			2 No
				41			3 No, but originally Yes
				0			4 Yes, but originally No
Note: Inapplicable if EVERSMOK = 2							
DIFSTOOP	77	2	DIF2FMT		HFH1		N Difficulty stooping/crouching/kneeling
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				15			-7 Refused
				4,194			1 No Difficulty
				3,170			2 Little Difficulty
				2,562			3 Some Difficulty
				2,880			4 Lot of Difficulty
				2,083			5 Unable to do it
DIFLIFT	79	2	DIF2FMT		HFH2		N Difficulty lifting/carrying 10 pounds
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				29			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				8,762			1 No Difficulty
				1,849			2 Little Difficulty
				1,414			3 Some Difficulty
				1,228			4 Lot of Difficulty
				1,618			5 Unable to do it
DIFREACH	81	2	DIF2FMT		HFH3		N Difficulty extending arms above shoulder
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				12			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				10,502			1 No Difficulty
				1,624			2 Little Difficulty
				1,263			3 Some Difficulty
				956			4 Lot of Difficulty
				544			5 Unable to do it

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DIFWRITE	83	2	DIF2FMT			HFH4	N Difficulty writing/handling object
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				10,650			1 No Difficulty
				2,020			2 Little Difficulty
				1,163			3 Some Difficulty
				803			4 Lot of Difficulty
				256			5 Unable to do it
DIFWALK	85	2	DIF2FMT			HFH5	N Difficulty walking 1/4 mile or 2-3 blocks
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				24			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				7,402			1 No Difficulty
				1,651			2 Little Difficulty
				1,406			3 Some Difficulty
				1,504			4 Lot of Difficulty
				2,913			5 Unable to do it
OCARTERY	87	2	YES2FMT			HFJ1	N Ever told had hardening of arteries
				35			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,416			1 Yes
				13,464			2 No
OCHBP	89	2	YES6FMT			HFJ2	N Ever told had hypertension/hi blood pres
				11			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				8,632			1 Yes
				6,243			2 No
				29			3 No, but originally Yes
				0			4 Yes, but originally No
D_HBP	91	2	YES6FMT			HFJ3	N Had high blood pressure since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				31			-8 Don't know
				15			-7 Refused
				6,612			1 Yes
				8,219			2 No
				37			3 No, but originally Yes
				0			4 Yes, but originally No
Note: First available in 2001							
HYPETOLD	93	2	YES1FMT				N Was SP told more than once about high BP
				7,836			. Inapplicable
				46			-8 Don't know
				6,240			1 Yes
				794			2 No

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OCMYOCAR	95	2	YES2FMT		HFJ4		N Ever told had myocard infarct/hrt attack
				9			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,139			1 Yes
				12,767			2 No

D_MYOCAR	97	2	YES1FMT		HFJ5		N Had myocardial infarc. since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				21			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				376			1 Yes
				14,503			2 No

Note: First available in 2001

OCCHD	99	2	YES2FMT		HFJ6		N Ever told had angina pectoris/CHD
				41			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,820			1 Yes
				13,054			2 No

D_CHD	101	2	YES1FMT		HFJ7		N Had coronary heart dis. since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				67			-8 Don't know
				15			-7 Refused
				552			1 Yes
				14,280			2 No

Note: First available in 2001

OCOTHRT	103	2	YES2FMT		HFJ14		N Ever told had other heart conditions
				15			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,510			1 Yes
				13,390			2 No

Notes: See OCOTHART for similar data in 1991-1999
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D_OTHRT	105	2	YES1FMT		HFJ15		N Had other heart cond. since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				32			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				405			1 Yes
				14,461			2 No

Note: First available in 2001

OCCFAIL	107	2	YES2FMT		HFJ8		N Ever told had heart failure
				24			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,106			1 Yes
				13,785			2 No

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D_CFAIL	109	2	YES1FMT		HFJ9		N Had hart failure since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				44			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				398			1 Yes
				14,458			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCCVALVE	111	2	YES2FMT		HFJ10		N Ever told had problems with valves
				29			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,366			1 Yes
				13,520			2 No
Note: First available in 2003							
D_VALVE	113	2	YES1FMT		HFJ11		N Had prbs with valves since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				53			-8 Don't know
				17			-7 Refused
				409			1 Yes
				14,435			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCRHYTHM	115	2	YES2FMT		HFJ12		N Ever told had prbs w/ heart rhythm
				31			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,072			1 Yes
				11,812			2 No
Note: First available in 2003							
D_RHYTHM	117	2	YES1FMT		HFJ13		N Had prbs w/ heart rhythm since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				66			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				1,119			1 Yes
				13,713			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCSTROKE	119	2	YES2FMT		HFJ16		N Ever told had stroke/brain hemorrhage
				22			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,773			1 Yes
				13,119			2 No

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D_STROKE	121	2	YES1FMT		HFJ17		N Had stroke/brain hemmor. since yr ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				40			-8 Don't know
				15			-7 Refused
				392			1 Yes
				14,467			2 No
				Note: First available in 2001			
OCCSKIN	123	2	YES2FMT		HFJ18		N Ever told had skin cancer
				8			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,646			1 Yes
				12,260			2 No
D_CSKIN	125	2	YES1FMT		HFJ19		N Had skin cancer since year ago?
				14,196			. Inapplicable
				274			1 Yes
				446			2 No
				Note: First available in 2001			
OCCANCER	127	2	YES2FMT		HFJ20		N Ever told had other (non-skin) cancer
				3			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,607			1 Yes
				12,304			2 No
D_CANCER	129	2	YES1FMT		HFJ21		N Had any cancer since year ago?
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				9			-8 Don't know
				15			-7 Refused
				531			1 Yes
				14,358			2 No
				Note: First available in 2001			
OCCLUNG	131	2	YES1FMT		HFJ22		N Body part w/cancer--lung
				12,309			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				132			1 Yes
				2,470			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCCOLON	133	2	YES1FMT		HFJ22		N Body prt w/cancer--colon/bowel/rectum
				12,309			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				345			1 Yes
				2,257			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			

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OCDIABET	163	2	YES2FMT		HFJ23		N Ever told had diabetes/hi blood sugar
				3			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,982			1 Yes
				11,929			2 No
				Note: First available in 2003			
OCARTHRH	165	2	YES2FMT		HFJ24		N Ever told had rheumatoid arthritis
				34			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,642			1 Yes
				13,239			2 No
OCARTH	167	2	YES2FMT		HFJ25		N Ever told had non-rheumatoid arthritis
				26			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				8,188			1 Yes
				6,701			2 No
D_ARTHRD	169	2	YES1FMT		HFJ26		N Had non-rheumatoid arth since year ago?
				1,000			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				49			-8 Don't know
				15			-7 Refused
				3,205			1 Yes
				10,645			2 No
				Note: First available in 2001			
OCAARM	171	2	YES1FMT		HFJ27		N Body part w/arthritis-arm/hand/shoulder
				6,728			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				4,665			1 Yes
				3,519			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			
OCAFEET	173	2	YES1FMT		HFJ27		N Body part w/arthritis-hip/knee/feet/leg
				6,728			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				4,863			1 Yes
				3,321			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			

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OCABACK	175	2	YES1FMT		HFJ27		N Body part w/had arthritis-back
				6,728			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				2,746			1 Yes
				5,438			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCANECK	177	2	YES1FMT		HFJ27		N Body part w/arthritis-neck
				6,728			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				1,160			1 Yes
				7,024			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCAALOVR	179	2	YES1FMT		HFJ27		N Body part w/arthritis-all over/joints
				6,728			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				1,600			1 Yes
				6,584			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCAOTHER	181	2	YES1FMT		HFJ27		N Body part w/arthritis-other
				6,728			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				64			1 Yes
				8,120			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCMENTAL	183	2	YES2FMT		HFJ28		N Ever told had mental retardation
				16			. Missing
				14			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				375			1 Yes
				14,509			2 No
OCALZHMR	185	2	YES2FMT		HFJ29		N Ever told had Alzheimer's/dementia
				5			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				478			1 Yes
				14,432			2 No
OCPSYCH	187	2	YES2FMT		HFJ30		N Ever told had mental/psychiatric disord
				7			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,958			1 Yes
				11,950			2 No

Note: After 1999, 'including depression' was added.

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D_PSYCH	189	2	YES1FMT		HFJ31		N Had psychiatric probs since yr ago?
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				19			-8 Don't know
				15			-7 Refused
				1,749			1 Yes
				13,130			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCOSTEOP	191	2	YES2FMT		HFJ32		N Ever told had osteoporosis/soft bones
				23			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,674			1 Yes
				12,218			2 No
OCBRKHIP	193	2	YES2FMT		HFJ33		N Ever told had broken hip
				3			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				597			1 Yes
				14,315			2 No
D_BRKHIP	195	2	YES1FMT		HFJ34		N Had broken hip since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				107			1 Yes
				14,785			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCPARKIN	197	2	YES2FMT		HFJ35		N Ever told had Parkinson's disease
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				195			1 Yes
				14,716			2 No
OCEMPHYS	199	2	YES2FMT		HFJ36		N Ever told had emphysema/asthma/COPD
				8			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,278			1 Yes
				12,629			2 No
OCPPARAL	201	2	YES2FMT		HFJ37		N Ever told had complete/partial paralysis
				2			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				742			1 Yes
				14,171			2 No

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D_PPARED	203	2	YES1FMT		HFJ38		N Had paralysis since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				262			1 Yes
				14,632			2 No
				Note: First available in 2001			
OCAMPUTE	205	2	YES2FMT		HFJ39		N Ever lost an arm or leg
				1			-8 Don't know
				214			1 Yes
				14,701			2 No
HAVEPROS	207	2	YES1FMT		HFJ40		N SP ever been told: Enlarged prostate/BPH
				8,182			. Inapplicable
				44			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,140			1 Yes
				4,548			2 No
				Notes: Inapplicable if SP is female			
				First available in 1999			
D_PROST	209	2	YES1FMT		HFJ41		N Had prostate probs since year ago?
				8,182			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				94			-8 Don't know
				9			-7 Refused
				986			1 Yes
				5,643			2 No
				Note: First available in 2001			

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EMCAUSC1	211	2	CAUSFMT		HFJ43		N 1st cause of Medicare eligibility
				12,341			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				236			1 Back/spine/disc
				59			2 Severe eyesight loss
				29			3 Severe hearing loss
				54			4 Kidney/renal failure
				47			5 Seizure disorder
				40			6 Car/bike/train accident
				46			7 Multiple sclerosis
				8			8 Muscular dystrophy
				22			9 Cerebral palsy
				17			10 Broken bones
				18			11 Hardening of the arteries
				91			12 High blood pressure
				55			13 Myocardial infarction
				26			14 Angina pectoris
				7			15 Other heart condition
				107			16 Stroke
				1			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				50			18 Cancer or tumor
				63			19 Diabetes
				89			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				124			21 Other arthritis
				275			22 Mental retardation
				3			23 Alzheimer's disease
				491			24 Mental disorder
				9			25 Osteoporosis
				5			26 Broken hip
				5			27 Parkinson's disease
				48			28 Emphysema or asthma
				78			29 Partial paralysis
				20			30 Loss of limb
				10			31 Cong heart failure
				2			32 Probs w/ hrt valves
				41			33 Heartbeat rhythm
				0			65 Gained entitlement at 65
				387			91 Other

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

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EMCAUSC2	213	2	CAUSFMT		HFJ43		N 2nd cause of Medicare eligibility
				13,352			. Inapplicable
				9			1 Back/spine/disc
				2			2 Severe eyesight loss
				2			3 Severe hearing loss
				0			4 Kidney/renal failure
				5			5 Seizure disorder
				2			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
				7			12 High blood pressure
				8			13 Myocardial infarction
				20			14 Angina pectoris
				15			15 Other heart condition
				117			16 Stroke
				1			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				54			18 Cancer or tumor
				76			19 Diabetes
				97			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				139			21 Other arthritis
				276			22 Mental retardation
				3			23 Alzheimer's disease
				505			24 Mental disorder
				11			25 Osteoporosis
				6			26 Broken hip
				5			27 Parkinson's disease
				54			28 Emphysema or asthma
				80			29 Partial paralysis
				20			30 Loss of limb
				16			31 Cong heart failure
				3			32 Probs w/ hrt valves
				0			33 Heartbeat rhythm
				0			65 Gained entitlement at 65
				26			91 Other

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

PRBTELE	215	2	ADL2FMT		HFk1a		N Any difficulty using telephone
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				1,038			1 Yes
				13,567			2 No
				293			3 Doesn't Do
PRBLHWK	217	2	ADL2FMT		HFk1b		N Any difficulty doing light housework
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				1,505			1 Yes
				12,186			2 No
				1,207			3 Doesn't Do

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PRBHHWK	219	2	ADL2FMT		HFK1c		N Any difficulty doing heavy housework
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				3,466			1 Yes
				8,324			2 No
				3,103			3 Doesn't Do
PRBMEAL	221	2	ADL2FMT		HFK1d		N Any difficulty preparing meals
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				1,280			1 Yes
				12,268			2 No
				1,349			3 Doesn't Do
PRBSHOP	223	2	ADL2FMT		HFK1e		N Any difficulty shopping
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				1,830			1 Yes
				11,929			2 No
				1,138			3 Doesn't Do
PRBBILS	225	2	ADL2FMT		HFK1f		N Any difficulty with managing money
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				15			-7 Refused
				1,023			1 Yes
				12,864			2 No
				1,007			3 Doesn't Do
DONTTELE	227	2	YES1FMT		HFK2a		N Don't use telephone b/c health prob
				14,623			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				219			1 Yes
				73			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBTELE = 3			
DONTLHWK	229	2	YES1FMT		HFK2b		N Don't do light housewrk b/c health prob
				13,709			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				752			1 Yes
				454			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBLHWK = 3			
DONTHHWK	231	2	YES1FMT		HFK2c		N Don't do heavy housewrk b/c health prob
				11,813			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				2,037			1 Yes
				1,064			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBHHWK = 3			

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DONTMEAL	233	2	YES1FMT		HFK2d		N Don't prepare meals b/c health prob
				13,567			. Inapplicable
				648			1 Yes
				701			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 3			
DONTSHOP	235	2	YES1FMT		HFK2e		N Don't do shopping b/c health prob
				13,778			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				879			1 Yes
				257			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 3			
DONTBILS	237	2	YES1FMT		HFK2f		N Don't manage money b/c health prob
				13,909			. Inapplicable
				625			1 Yes
				382			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBBILS = 3			
HELPTELE	239	2	YES1FMT		HFK3a		N Receive help w/ telephone
				13,659			. Inapplicable
				694			1 Yes
				563			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBTELE = 1 or DONTTELE = 1			
HELPLHWK	241	2	YES1FMT		HFK3b		N Receive help w/ light housework
				12,659			. Inapplicable
				1,897			1 Yes
				360			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBLHWK = 1 or DONTLHWK = 1			
HELPHHWK	243	2	YES1FMT		HFK3c		N Receive help w/ heavy housework
				9,413			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				4,326			1 Yes
				1,173			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBHHWK = 1 or DONTTHWK = 1			
HELPMEAL	245	2	YES1FMT		HFK3d		N Receive help w/ preparing meals
				12,988			. Inapplicable
				1,594			1 Yes
				334			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 1 or DONTMEAL = 1			

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HELPSHOP	247	2	YES1FMT		HFK3e		N Receive help w/ shopping
				12,207			. Inapplicable
				2,411			1 Yes
				298			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 1 or DONTSHOP = 1							
HELPBILS	249	2	YES1FMT		HFK3f		N Receive help w/ managing money
				13,268			. Inapplicable
				1,464			1 Yes
				184			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBBILS = 1 or DONTBILS = 1							
HPPDBATH	251	2	ADL2FMT		HFL1a		N Any difficulty bathing/showering
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				12			-7 Refused
				1,891			1 Yes
				12,921			2 No
				84			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDDRES	253	2	ADL2FMT		HFL1b		N Any difficulty dressing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				1,267			1 Yes
				13,573			2 No
				57			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDEAT	255	2	ADL2FMT		HFL1c		N Any difficulty eating
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				497			1 Yes
				14,376			2 No
				24			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDCHAR	257	2	ADL2FMT		HFL1d		N Any difficulty get in/out of bed/chair
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				2,217			1 Yes
				12,605			2 No
				74			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDWALK	259	2	ADL2FMT		HFL1e		N Any difficulty walking
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				3,929			1 Yes
				10,692			2 No
				275			3 Doesn't Do

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HPPDTOIL	261	2	ADL2FMT		HFL1f		N Any difficulty using the toilet
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				13			-7 Refused
				928			1 Yes
				13,906			2 No
				59			3 Doesn't Do
DONTBATH	263	2	YES1FMT		HFL2a		N Don't bathe/shower b/c health prob
				14,832			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				81			1 Yes
				2			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 3 First available in 1992				
DONTDRES	265	2	YES1FMT		HFL2b		N Don't dress b/c health prob
				14,859			. Inapplicable
				57			1 Yes
				0			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 3 First available in 1992				
DONTEAT	267	2	YES1FMT		HFL2c		N Don't eat b/c health prob
				14,892			. Inapplicable
				24			1 Yes
				0			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 3 First available in 1992				
DONTCHAR	269	2	YES1FMT		HFL2d		N Don't get in/out bed/chair b/c hlth prob
				14,842			. Inapplicable
				74			1 Yes
				0			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 3 First available in 1992				
DONTWALK	271	2	YES1FMT		HFL2e		N Don't walk b/c health prob
				14,641			. Inapplicable
				270			1 Yes
				5			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 3 First available in 1992				
DONTTOIL	273	2	YES1FMT		HFL2f		N Don't use toilet b/c health prob
				14,857			. Inapplicable
				59			1 Yes
				0			2 No
			Notes: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 3 First available in 1992				

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HELPBATH	275	2	YES1FMT		HFL3a		N Receive help w/ bathing/showering
				12,944			. Inapplicable
				1,092			1 Yes
				880			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 1 or DONTBATH = 1			
HELPDRES	277	2	YES1FMT		HFL3b		N Receive help w/ dressing
				13,592			. Inapplicable
				857			1 Yes
				467			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 1 or DONTDRES = 1			
HELPEAT	279	2	YES1FMT		HFL3c		N Receive help w/ eating
				14,395			. Inapplicable
				188			1 Yes
				333			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 1 or DONTEAT = 1			
HELPCHAR	281	2	YES1FMT		HFL3d		N Receive help w/ get in/out of bed/chair
				12,626			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				743			1 Yes
				1,546			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 1 or DONTCHAR = 1			
HELPWALK	283	2	YES1FMT		HFL3e		N Receive help w/ walking
				10,717			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				779			1 Yes
				3,418			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 1 or DONTWALK = 1			
HELPTOIL	285	2	YES1FMT		HFL3f		N Receive help w/ using toilet
				13,929			. Inapplicable
				344			1 Yes
				643			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 1 or DONTTOIL = 1			
PCHKBATH	287	2	YES1FMT		HFL4a		N Person nearby while bathing/showering
				14,036			. Inapplicable
				175			1 Yes
				705			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPBATH = 2			

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PCHKDRES	289	2	YES1FMT		HFL4b	N Person nearby while dressing
				14,449		. Inapplicable
				67		1 Yes
				400		2 No
			Note: Applies only if HELPDRES = 2			
PCKEAT	291	2	YES1FMT		HFL4c	N Person nearby while eating
				14,583		. Inapplicable
				60		1 Yes
				273		2 No
			Note: Applies only if HELPEAT = 2			
PCHKCHAR	293	2	YES1FMT		HFL4d	N Person nearby when get in/out bed/chair
				13,369		. Inapplicable
				2		-8 Don't know
				172		1 Yes
				1,373		2 No
			Note: Applies only if HELPCCHAR = 2			
PCHKWALK	295	2	YES1FMT		HFL4e	N Person nearby while walking
				11,496		. Inapplicable
				2		-9 Not ascertained
				1		-8 Don't know
				402		1 Yes
				3,015		2 No
			Note: Applies only if HELPWALK = 2			
PCKTOIL	297	2	YES1FMT		HFL4f	N Person nearby while using toilet
				14,273		. Inapplicable
				1		-8 Don't know
				87		1 Yes
				555		2 No
			Note: Applies only if HELPTOIL = 2			
EQIPBATH	299	2	YES1FMT		HFL5a	N Use equipment to help bathe/shower
				12,944		. Inapplicable
				2		-8 Don't know
				1,080		1 Yes
				890		2 No
			Note: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 1 or DONTBATH = 1			
EQIPDRES	301	2	YES1FMT		HFL5b	N Use equipment to help dress
				13,592		. Inapplicable
				164		1 Yes
				1,160		2 No
			Note: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 1 or DONTDRES = 1			

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EQIPEAT	303	2	YES1FMT		HFL5c		N Use equipment to help eat
				14,395			. Inapplicable
				70			1 Yes
				451			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 1 or DONTEAT = 1			
EQIPCHAR	305	2	YES1FMT		HFL5d		N Use equipment to get in/out bed/chair
				12,625			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				929			1 Yes
				1,360			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 1 or DONTCHAR = 1			
EQIPWALK	307	2	YES1FMT		HFL5e		N Use equipment to help walk
				10,717			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				2,450			1 Yes
				1,748			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 1 or DONTWALK = 1			
EQIPTOIL	309	2	YES1FMT		HFL5f		N Use equipment to help use toilet
				13,929			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				586			1 Yes
				400			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 1 or DONTTOIL = 1			
LONGBATH	311	2	LONGFMT		HFL6a		N How long needed help to bathe/shower
				13,824			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				94			1 Less than 3 months
				162			2 3 months to 1 year
				833			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPBATH = 1 First available in 1996			
LONGDRES	313	2	LONGFMT		HFL6b		N How long needed help to dress
				14,059			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				73			1 Less than 3 months
				127			2 3 months to 1 year
				655			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPDRES = 1 First available in 1996			

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LONGEAT	315	2	LONGFMT		HFL6c		N How long needed help to eat
				14,728			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				18			1 Less than 3 months
				15			2 3 months to 1 year
				154			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPEAT = 1 First available in 1996			
LONGCHAR	317	2	LONGFMT		HFL6d		N How long need help get in/out bed/chair
				14,173			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				62			1 Less than 3 months
				92			2 3 months to 1 year
				587			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPCCHAR = 1 First available in 1996			
LONGWALK	319	2	LONGFMT		HFL6e		N How long needed help to walk
				14,137			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				65			1 Less than 3 months
				111			2 3 months to 1 year
				602			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPWALK = 1 First available in 1996			
LONGTOIL	321	2	LONGFMT		HFL6f		N How long needed help to use toilet
				14,572			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				31			1 Less than 3 months
				38			2 3 months to 1 year
				273			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPTOIL = 1 First available in 1996			
STILBATH	323	2	YES1FMT		HFL7a		N Need help 3 mos from now w/ bathe/shower
				14,822			. Inapplicable
				6			-8 Don't know
				56			1 Yes
				32			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if LONGBATH = 1 First available in 1996			

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STILDRES	325	2	YES1FMT	HFL7b			N Need help 3 mos from now w/ dressing
				14,843			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				45			1 Yes
				21			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if LONGDRES = 1 First available in 1996			
STILEAT	327	2	YES1FMT	HFL7c			N Need help 3 mos from now w/ eating
				14,898			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				14			1 Yes
				2			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if LONGEAT = 1 First available in 1996			
STILCHAR	329	2	YES1FMT	HFL7d			N Need help 3 mos w/ get in/out bed/chair
				14,854			. Inapplicable
				8			-8 Don't know
				38			1 Yes
				16			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if LONGCHAR = 1 First available in 1996			
STILWALK	331	2	YES1FMT	HFL7e			N Need help 3 mos from now w/ walking
				14,851			. Inapplicable
				9			-8 Don't know
				41			1 Yes
				15			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if LONGWALK = 1 First available in 1996			
STILTOIL	333	2	YES1FMT	HFL7f			N Need help 3 mos from now w/ using toilet
				14,885			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				19			1 Yes
				9			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if LONGTOIL = 1 First available in 1996			
D_ADLHNM	335	2	HELPRFMT				N Number of ADL helpers
				6,860			. Inapplicable
				6,190			1 1 helper
				1,362			2 2 helpers
				348			3 3 helpers
				102			4 4 helpers
				54			5 or more helpers
				Note: Applies only if SP has at least one ADL or IADL			

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FALLANY	337	2	YES2FMT		HFM1		N Have fallen down in past yr.
					2		-9 Not ascertained
					31		-8 Don't know
					14		-7 Refused
					3,752		1 Yes
					11,117		2 No

Note: First available in 2002

FALLTIME	339	2	FALLFMT		HFM2		N Number of times fallen
					11,164		. Inapplicable
					105		-8 Don't know
					1,821		1 SP fell once
					785		2 SP fell twice
					413		3 SP fell three times
					166		4 SP fell four times
					113		5 SP fell five times
					331		6-94 SP fell 6 - 94 times
					18		95 SP fell 95 or more times

Notes: Applies only if FALLANY = 1
First available in 2002

FALLHURT	341	2	YES1FMT		HFM3		N Needed medical attention because of fall
					11,164		. Inapplicable
					1		-8 Don't know
					1,196		1 Yes
					2,555		2 No

Notes: Applies only if FALLANY = 1
First available in 2002

FALLTALK	343	2	YES1FMT		HFM4		N Talked to professional about falls
					11,164		. Inapplicable
					12		-8 Don't know
					1,764		1 Yes
					1,976		2 No

Notes: Applies only if FALLANY = 1
First available in 2002

FALLREAS	345	2	YES1FMT		HFM5		N Did hlth prof try to understand why fell
					13,140		. Inapplicable
					19		-8 Don't know
					1,345		1 Yes
					412		2 No

Notes: Applies only if FALLANY = 1 & FALLTALK does not equal 2
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FALLPREV	347	2	YES1FMT		HF6		N Did hlth prof give info to avoid falls
				13,140			. Inapplicable
				25			-8 Don't know
				1,116			1 Yes
				635			2 No

Notes: Applies only if FALLANY = 1 & FALLTALK does not equal 2
First available in 2002

MEMLOSS	349	2	YES2FMT		HF1		N Memory loss interfere w/ daily activity
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				27			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				1,988			1 Yes
				12,885			2 No

Note: First available in 1996

PROBDECS	351	2	YES2FMT		HF2		N Problem make decisions interferes w/ADLs
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				21			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				1,472			1 Yes
				13,407			2 No

Note: First available in 1996

TROBCONC	353	2	YES2FMT		HF3		N SP has trouble concentrating
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				34			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				2,540			1 Yes
				12,326			2 No

Note: First available in 1996

TIMESAD	355	2	TIME2FMT		HF4		N Were you depressed the last 12 months?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				134			-8 Don't know
				18			-7 Refused
				328			1 All of the time
				869			2 Most of the time
				3,226			3 Some of the time
				5,065			4 A little of the time
				5,274			5 None of the time

Note: First available in 2001

LOSTINTR	357	2	YES2FMT		HF5		N Did you lose interest the last 12 mos?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				96			-8 Don't know
				18			-7 Refused
				2,324			1 Yes
				12,476			2 No

Note: First available in 2001

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LOSTURIN	359	2	URIFMT			HFQ1	N How often lost urine control last 12 mo
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				136			-8 Don't know
				34			-7 Refused
				1,395			1 More than once a week
				439			2 About once a week
				469			3 2-3 times a month
				372			4 About once a month
				376			5 Every 2-3 months
				727			6 1-2 Times a year
				10,815			7 Not at all
				151			8 Dialysis/catheterized