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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
				14,221		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
ERVISIT	12	2	YES1FMT	AC1		N Since refer date did SP go ER for care?
				9,617		. Inapplicable
				1		-9 Not ascertained
				4		-8 Don't know
				1,079		1 Yes
				3,520		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
				10,810		. Inapplicable
				1		-9 Not ascertained
				45		-8 Don't know
				193		1 Yes
				3,172		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?
				11,003		. Inapplicable
				1		-9 Not ascertained
				69		-8 Don't know
				870		1 Yes
				2,278		2 No

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

D_ERVIS	18	4	MINFMT	AC5		N Mins altogether for ER visit
				11,268		. Inapplicable
				627		0-60 up to 1 hour
				725		61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				551		121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				387		181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				210		241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				173		301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				62		361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				77		421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				141		More than 8 hrs

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D_ERWAIT	22	4	SECFMT		AC6		N Mins wait altogether before see ER Dr
				11,195			. Inapplicable
				1,875			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				450			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				127			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				239			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				3			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				70			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				9			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				105			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				148			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?
				13,142			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				437			1 Yes
				641			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?
				9,617			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				7			-8 Don't know
				1,235			1 Yes
				3,361			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
				9,550			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				194			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,577			1 Indicated
				1,895			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
				9,550			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				194			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,005			1 Indicated
				2,467			2 Not indicated

Note: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview

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OPDTSHOT	44	2	IND1FMT	AC9			N Reason for OPD visit - treatment shot
				9,550			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				8			1 Indicated
				4,659			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
				9,550			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				9			1 Indicated
				4,658			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
				9,550			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				194			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				73			1 Indicated
				4,399			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?
				13,756			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				346			1 Yes
				113			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
				9,551			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				229			-8 Don't know
				3,814			1 Appointment
				626			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?
				10,408			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				42			-8 Don't know
				2,294			1 Told to come back during a prior visit
				1,476			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
				12,868			. Inapplicable
				263			0 Didn't have wait
				451			1-3 1 to 3 days
				127			4-6 4 to 6 days
				246			7-9 7 to 9 days
				22			10-12 10 to 12 days
				129			13-15 13 to 15 days
				0			16-18 16 to 18 days
				39			19-21 19 to 21 days
				76			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?
				10,050			. Inapplicable
				2,111			0-60 up to 1 hour
				837			61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				449			121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				304			181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				147			241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				114			301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				65			361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				63			421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				81			More than 8 hrs

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
				10,045			. Inapplicable
				2,553			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				812			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				200			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				276			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				11			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				78			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				12			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				89			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				145			2 or more hrs

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

NHRESEVR	68	2	YES1FMT		AC17		N Ever been resident/patient in nurs home
				9,617			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				135			1 Yes
				4,466			2 No

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NHLRESYY	70	2	YRFMT		AC18		N Yr last resident/patient in nursing home
				14,086			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				134			Four-digit year

Note: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

NHLRESMM	72	2	MONTHFMT		AC18		N Mo last resident/patient in nursing home
				14,086			. Inapplicable
				20			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				0			-5 Never ask again
				6			1 January
				8			2 February
				7			3 March
				6			4 April
				7			5 May
				12			6 June
				10			7 July
				17			8 August
				17			9 September
				12			10 October
				6			11 November
				6			12 December

Note: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

MDVISIT	74	2	YES1FMT		AC19		N Since reference date has SP seen med Dr
				9,617			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				7			-8 Don't know
				3,805			1 Yes
				791			2 No

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MDSPCLTY	76	2	SPCLFMT		AC20		N MD spec., excl in home/hosp--most recent
				1,946			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				331			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				42			1 Allergy & Immunology
				13			2 Anesthesiology
				734			3 Cardiology (heart)
				287			5 Dermatology (skin)
				0			6 Emergency Room physician
				81			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				1,604			8 Family practice
				118			9 Gastroenterology
				3,643			10 General practice
				220			11 General surgery
				40			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				166			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				27			14 Hematology (blood)
				6			15 Hospital residence
				1,983			16 Internal medicine
				109			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				180			18 Neurology
				2			19 Nuclear Medicine
				191			20 Oncology
				863			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				364			22 Orthopaedics
				147			24 Osteopathy
				137			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				3			26 Pathology
				11			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				25			28 Plastic surgery
				22			29 Proctology
				221			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				112			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				14			32 Radiology
				96			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				8			34 Thoracic Surgery
				314			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				0			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				0			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				158			91 Other medical specialty

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

D_MDSPEC 78 2 C MD spec., most recent visit -- CMS Code

Note: This is MDSPCLTY translated into CMS codes.

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MDMCOND	80	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - med condition named
				1,946			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				77			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				7,532			1 Indicated
				4,662			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 was seen - tests
				1,946			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				77			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,359			1 Indicated
				10,835			2 Not indicated

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

MDFOLUP	84	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - follow-up
				1,946			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				77			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,108			1 Indicated
				10,086			2 Not indicated

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

MDCHKUP	86	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - checkup
				1,946			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				77			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				5,196			1 Indicated
				6,998			2 Not indicated

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

MDRFRL	88	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - referral
				1,946			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				77			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				90			1 Indicated
				12,104			2 Not indicated

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

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MDSURGY	90	2	IND1FMT	AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - surgery
						. Inapplicable
						-9 Not ascertained
						-8 Don't know
						-7 Refused
						1 Indicated
						2 Not indicated
						Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
MDPSHOT	92	2	IND1FMT	AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - preventative shot
						. Inapplicable
						-9 Not ascertained
						1 Indicated
						2 Not indicated
						Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
MDTSBOT	94	2	IND1FMT	AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - treatment shot
						. Inapplicable
						-9 Not ascertained
						1 Indicated
						2 Not indicated
						Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
MDPMED	96	2	IND1FMT	AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - medication
						. Inapplicable
						-9 Not ascertained
						1 Indicated
						2 Not indicated
						Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
MDOTHER	98	2	IND1FMT	AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - other
						. Inapplicable
						-9 Not ascertained
						-8 Don't know
						-7 Refused
						1 Indicated
						2 Not indicated
						Note: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
MDSCOND	100	2	YES1FMT	AC22		N Was Dr's visit for a specific condition?
						. Inapplicable
						-8 Don't know
						1 Yes
						2 No
						Note: See Notes to the data for the skip pattern and variable derivation.

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MDAPPT	102	2	APPTFMT		AC24		N Was visit to Dr - appointment/walk - in
				1,946			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				88			-8 Don't know
				11,438			1 Appointment
				746			2 Walked in

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

MDDRTEL	104	2	TOLDFMT		AC25		N Someone in Dr office tell SP come back?
				2,783			. Inapplicable
				46			-8 Don't know
				6,786			1 Told to come back during a prior visit
				4,606			2 Called for an appointment

Note: Applies only if MDAPPT = 1

D_MDAPPT	106	4	DAYFMT		AC26		N Days - SP waited for Dr's appointment
				9,793			. Inapplicable
				802			0 Didn't have wait
				1,788			1-3 1 to 3 days
				303			4-6 4 to 6 days
				719			7-9 7 to 9 days
				53			10-12 10 to 12 days
				385			13-15 13 to 15 days
				1			16-18 16 to 18 days
				113			19-21 19 to 21 days
				264			over 3 weeks

Notes: Applies only if MDDRTEL = 2
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D_MDVIS	110	4	MINFMT		AC27		N Mins - visit w/ Dr altogether?
				2,463			. Inapplicable
				8,807			0-60 up to 1 hour
				2,208			61-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				445			121-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				186			181-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				55			241-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				24			301-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				9			361-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				12			421-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				12			More than 8 hrs

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D_MDWAIT	114	4	SECFMT		AC28		N Mins - SP spent waiting before seeing Dr
				2,464			. Inapplicable
				7,014			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				2,726			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				652			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				648			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				67			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				223			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				50			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				156			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				221			2 or more hrs

Notes: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
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HCTROUBL	118	2	YES2FMT		AC29		N Has SP had troub get needed health care?
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				11			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				602			1 Yes
				13,602			2 No
HCTRC1	120	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 1
				13,619			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				107			1 SP has no money
				27			2 Cost is too high
				72			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				44			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				17			5 Difficult to get home health care
				28			6 No treatment available
				49			7 Have to wait too long
				27			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				3			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				15			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				5			11 Referred to specialist
				0			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				0			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				0			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				207			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1.

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HCTRC2	122	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 2
				14,086			. Inapplicable
				14			1 SP has no money
				8			2 Cost is too high
				22			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				9			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				8			5 Difficult to get home health care
				1			6 No treatment available
				3			7 Have to wait too long
				3			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				3			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				2			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				1			11 Referred to specialist
				0			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				0			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				0			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				61			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

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

HCTRC3	124	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 3
				14,213			. Inapplicable
				0			1 SP has no money
				1			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
				0			7 Have to wait too long
				0			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				0			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
				0			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				0			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				7			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

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

HCDELAY	126	2	YES2FMT		AC31		N Last year did SP delay care due to cost?
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,413			1 Yes
				12,792			2 No
MCQUALTY	128	2	SAT2FMT		SC1		N Satis w/ qual of med care rec'd last yr
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				35			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				4,218			1 Very satisfied
				8,582			2 Satisfied
				522			3 Dissatisfied
				122			4 Very dissatisfied
				736			5 No experience

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MCAVAIL	130	2	SAT2FMT		SC2		N Satis w/ avail med care night & weekends
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				47			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,472			1 Very satisfied
				5,416			2 Satisfied
				358			3 Dissatisfied
				131			4 Very dissatisfied
				6,791			5 No experience
MCEASE	132	2	SAT2FMT		SC3		N Ease of get to Dr from where SP lives
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				32			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,636			1 Very satisfied
				10,034			2 Satisfied
				765			3 Dissatisfied
				180			4 Very dissatisfied
				568			5 No experience
MCCOSTS	134	2	SAT2FMT		SC4		N Satis w/ OOP costs for medical services
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				68			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,162			1 Very satisfied
				9,098			2 Satisfied
				1,609			3 Dissatisfied
				490			4 Very dissatisfied
				788			5 No experience
MCINFO	136	2	SAT2FMT		SC5		N Satis w/ info abt what was wrong w/ you
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				50			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,457			1 Very satisfied
				10,096			2 Satisfied
				750			3 Dissatisfied
				153			4 Very dissatisfied
				709			5 No experience
MCFOLUP	138	2	SAT2FMT		SC6		N Satis w/ folowup care after inital treat
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				46			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,500			1 Very satisfied
				9,422			2 Satisfied
				420			3 Dissatisfied
				81			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,744			5 No experience

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MCCONCRN	140	2	SAT2FMT		SC7		N Satis w/ Dr's concern for overall health
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				95			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,751			1 Very satisfied
				9,784			2 Satisfied
				657			3 Dissatisfied
				110			4 Very dissatisfied
				816			5 No experience
MCSAMLOC	142	2	SAT2FMT		SC8		N Satis w/ get med care done same location
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				66			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,104			1 Very satisfied
				9,901			2 Satisfied
				636			3 Dissatisfied
				98			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,409			5 No experience
MCDISSFY	144	2	DISAFFMT		SC9		N Things abt med services - dissatis with
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				43			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				11,212			1 Not dissatisfied with anything
				2,961			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMDIS1-4
VCMDIS1	146	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 1st reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				11,260			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				665			1 Cost of health care
				42			2 Can't afford
				197			3 Services covered
				125			4 Inconvenient location
				358			5 Waiting time
				100			6 Time spent with doctor
				106			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				16			8 Unnecessary tests
				242			9 Doctor's attitude
				110			10 Paperwork
				35			11 Rarely use services
				39			12 Attitude of other medical person
				152			13 Doctor's competence
				61			14 Competence of other medical person
				5			15 No preventative care
				24			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
				681			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCDISSFY = 91

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VCMCDIS2	148	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 2nd reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				13,762			. Inapplicable
				48			1 Cost of health care
				37			2 Can't afford
				45			3 Services covered
				14			4 Inconvenient location
				35			5 Waiting time
				31			6 Time spent with doctor
				33			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				10			8 Unnecessary tests
				53			9 Doctor's attitude
				6			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				19			12 Attitude of other medical person
				18			13 Doctor's competence
				13			14 Competence of other medical person
				1			15 No preventative care
				6			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
				90			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

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

VCMCDIS3	150	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 3rd reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				14,178			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Cost of health care
				4			2 Can't afford
				2			3 Services covered
				1			4 Inconvenient location
				4			5 Waiting time
				5			6 Time spent with doctor
				3			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				0			8 Unnecessary tests
				3			9 Doctor's attitude
				0			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				0			12 Attitude of other medical person
				4			13 Doctor's competence
				2			14 Competence of other medical person
				0			15 No preventative care
				0			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
				11			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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VCMCDIS4	152	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 4th reason SP dissatisfied w/ med svcs
				14,215			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Cost of health care
				0			2 Can't afford
				1			3 Services covered
				0			4 Inconvenient location
				0			5 Waiting time
				1			6 Time spent with doctor
				2			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				0			8 Unnecessary tests
				1			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
				0			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							
MCIMPROV	154	2	IMPROFMT		SC10		N Things abt med services need improvement
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				102			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				11,384			1 No improvement
				2,729			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMCIMP1-4
VCMCIMP1	156	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 1st aspect of med svcs to be improved
				11,492			. Inapplicable
				22			-8 Don't know
				475			1 Reduce cost
				5			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				310			3 Expansion of covered services
				51			4 More convenient location
				371			5 Reduce wait time
				93			6 More time spent with patients
				37			7 More thorough exam
				13			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				175			9 Improve attitude: physician
				58			10 Reduce paperwork
				35			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				43			12 Improve competence of physician
				23			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				95			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				20			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
				903			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCIMPROV = 91

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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
VCMCIMP2	158	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 2nd aspect of med svcs to be improved
				13,866			. Inapplicable
				51			1 Reduce cost
				6			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				48			3 Expansion of covered services
				4			4 More convenient location
				24			5 Reduce wait time
				35			6 More time spent with patients
				12			7 More thorough exam
				8			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				30			9 Improve attitude: physician
				4			10 Reduce paperwork
				17			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				8			12 Improve competence of physician
				12			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				8			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				1			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
				87			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Applies only if MCIMPROV = 91 and 2nd reason is given

VCMCIMP3	160	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 3rd aspect of med svcs to be improved
				14,192			. Inapplicable
				2			1 Reduce cost
				0			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				3			3 Expansion of covered services
				0			4 More convenient location
				2			5 Reduce wait time
				0			6 More time spent with patients
				1			7 More thorough exam
				0			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				5			9 Improve attitude: physician
				0			10 Reduce paperwork
				1			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				2			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
				13			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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VCMCIMP4	162	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 4th aspect of med svcs to be improved
				14,216			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Reduce cost
				1			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
				0			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
				2			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
MCDRNSEE	164	2	YES2FMT		SC11		N Hlth prob think Dr should see but didn't
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				24			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,554			1 Yes
				12,637			2 No
MCRNSERS	166	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think not serious
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				477			1 Indicated
				1,077			2 Not indicated
							Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1
MRCRCOST	168	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think cost too much
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				573			1 Indicated
				981			2 Not indicated
							Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1
MCRTIME	170	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - didn't have time
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				90			1 Indicated
				1,464			2 Not indicated
							Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1

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MCRAPPT	172	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't get appoint
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				72			1 Indicated
				1,482			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
M CRAVAIL	174	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no Dr available
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				74			1 Indicated
				1,480			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRWAY	176	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no way to get to Dr
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				167			1 Indicated
				1,387			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRFAMILY	178	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't leave family
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				49			1 Indicated
				1,505			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCDRDCDM	180	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think can't do much
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				320			1 Indicated
				1,234			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRFEAR	182	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - feared what's wrong
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				160			1 Indicated
				1,394			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCDRCHG	184	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - charge>Medicare pay
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				110			1 Indicated
				1,444			2 Not indicated
				Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			

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MCRACCPT	186	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - accept no Medicaid
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				43			1 Indicated
				1,511			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1							
MCRETOTR	188	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - other
				12,667			. Inapplicable
				164			1 Indicated
				1,390			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1							
MCRMN	190	2	NODOCFMT		SC14		N Main reason SP not see Dr abt condition?
				13,643			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				108			1 Problem not serious
				160			2 Costs too much
				9			3 Didn't have time
				20			4 Appointment not soon enough
				11			5 No doctor available
				41			6 No way to doctor
				10			7 Couldn't leave other family member
				88			8 SP thought Dr couldn't do much abt prob
				39			9 SP afraid of finding out what was wrong
				15			10 Dr charges more than Medicare pays
				17			11 SP couldn't find Dr to accept Medicaid
				13			12 Afraid of doctor
				2			13 Afraid of hospital
				6			14 Didn't care
				0			15 Needed house call
				38			91 Other, specify
Note: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1							
PLACPAR	192	2	YES2FMT		US1		N Does SP go particular place for med care
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				9			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				13,148			1 Yes
				1,060			2 No

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PLACEKND	194	2	PLACEFMT			US2	N Kind of place SP usually go for med care
				1,073			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				9,974			1 Doctor's office or group practice
				1,230			2 Doctor's clinic
				724			3 HMO
				181			4 Neighborhood or family health center
				1			5 Freestanding surgery center
				27			6 Rural Health Clinic
				14			7 Company clinic
				95			8 Other clinic
				17			9 Walk-in urgent care center
				67			10 At home
				76			11 Hospital emergency room
				450			12 Hospital outpatient department
				250			13 Veterans' Administration facility
				1			14 Mental health center
				39			91 Other, specify

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USUALDOC	196	2	YES1FMT			US4	N Is there particular Dr SP usually sees
				11,114			. Inapplicable
				6			-8 Don't know
				2,406			1 Yes
				695			2 No

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

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D_USSPCW	198	2	SPCLFMT		US6		N MD spec, incl in home/hosp--usually seen
				2,096			. Inapplicable
				6			-9 Not ascertained
				282			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				12			1 Allergy & Immunology
				7			2 Anesthesiology
				533			3 Cardiology (heart)
				5			5 Dermatology (skin)
				4			6 Emergency Room physician
				82			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				2,516			8 Family practice
				59			9 Gastroenterology
				4,585			10 General practice
				94			11 General surgery
				63			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				51			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				14			14 Hematology (blood)
				12			15 Hospital residence
				2,953			16 Internal medicine
				78			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				78			18 Neurology
				2			19 Nuclear Medicine
				79			20 Oncology
				12			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				44			22 Orthopaedics
				199			24 Osteopathy
				12			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				0			26 Pathology
				4			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				1			28 Plastic surgery
				2			29 Proctology
				82			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				82			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				2			32 Radiology
				56			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				2			34 Thoracic Surgery
				40			35 Urology
				0			36 Audiologist
				0			37 Chiropractor
				0			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				0			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				71			91 Other medical specialty

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

D_USSPEC 200 2 C MD spec., usually seen -- CMS Code

Note: This is D_USSPCW translated into CMS codes.

USHOUSCL 202 2 YES1FMT US7 N Does Dr make house calls?

1,140	. Inapplicable
1,337	-8 Don't know
721	1 Yes
11,023	2 No

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

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GETUSHOW	204	2	GODRFMT		US8		N How does SP usually get to Dr's office?
				1,140			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				446			1 Walking
				7,263			2 Driving
				4,512			3 Being driven
				148			4 Ambulance or other special vehicle
				142			5 Taxi
				470			6 Other public transportation
				34			7 Doctor comes to home
				17			8 Senior citizen van/bus
				45			91 Other, specify

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

D_GETUS	206	4	SECFMT		US9		N Mins - usually take to get Dr's office
				1,236			. Inapplicable
				7,518			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				4,009			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				780			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				343			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				47			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				120			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				22			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				72			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				74			2 or more hrs

Notes: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7
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ACCOMPUS	210	2	YES1FMT		US10		N Does someone accompany SP to Dr's office
				1,178			. Inapplicable
				8			-8 Don't know
				6,154			1 Yes
				6,881			2 No

Note: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7

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D_ACCREL	212	2	RELFMT		US11		N Who usually goes w/ SP to Dr's office?
				8,068			. Inapplicable
				1			-7 Refused
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample person
				2,726			2 Spouse
				422			3 Son
				1,236			4 Daughter
				80			5 Brother
				240			6 Sister
				52			7 Father
				242			8 Mother
				26			9 Son-in-law
				137			10 Daughter-in-law
				18			11 Grandson
				85			12 Granddaughter
				43			13 Nephew
				99			14 Niece
				33			50 Partner/roommate
				397			51 Friend/neighbor
				2			52 Boarder
				26			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				3			54 Legal/financial officer
				6			55 Guardian
				99			91 Other relative
				180			92 Other non-relative

Note: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1

USMCCHK	214	2	CHKFMT		US12		N Does Medicare send check to SP or to Dr?
				2,047			. Inapplicable
				234			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,230			1 To SP
				10,276			2 To doctor
				433			3 No payment from Medicare

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

PAIDMORE	216	2	YES1FMT		US13		N Ever pay Dr more than Medicare approves
				2,480			. Inapplicable
				556			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,433			1 Yes
				9,750			2 No

Note: Inapplicable if USMCCHK = 3 or .

USFINDMC	218	2	YES1FMT		US14		N Try find Dr accept Medicare approved amt
				12,788			. Inapplicable
				92			1 Yes
				1,341			2 No

Note: Applies only if PAIDMORE = 1

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USHOWLING	220	2	DOCFMT	US15			N How long seeing Dr/going service place
				1,073			. Inapplicable
				72			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,397			1 Less than 1 year
				2,648			2 1 year to < 3 years
				2,156			3 3 years to < 5 years
				2,656			4 5 years to < 10 years
				4,216			5 10 years or more
							Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1
USONEYEY	222	2	LESSFMT	US16			N Dr seen less than a year/a year or more
				14,149			. Inapplicable
				10			-8 Don't know
				1			1 Less than 1 year
				61			2 1 year or more
							Note: Applies only if USHOWLING = -8
PREVMEDC	224	2	YES1FMT	US17			N Before usual Dr had SP seen other Dr?
				12,823			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				1,189			1 Yes
				206			2 No
							Note: Applies only if USHOWLING = 1 or USONEYEY = 1
PREVSTIL	226	2	YES1FMT	US18			N Still see other Dr or go to other place?
				13,032			. Inapplicable
				112			1 Yes
				1,077			2 No
							Note: Applies only if PREVMEDC = 1
PREVNOGO	228	2	WHYFMT	US19			N Why SP no see previous Dr/place anymore
				13,144			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				156			1 Previous doctor retired
				30			2 Previous doctor died
				176			3 Previous doctor moved
				135			4 SP moved
				72			5 Prev doctor/provider too far away
				16			6 Prev Dr/provider charge > Mcare paid
				240			7 Dissatisfied w/prev Dr/provider
				85			8 SP joined HMO
				41			9 SP changed insurance company
				31			10 Doctor changed practice
				93			91 Other
							Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 2

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PREVSAC1	230	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 1st reason why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				13,981			. Inapplicable
				31			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				25			2 Ineffective treatment
				82			3 Att/person prob
				15			4 Too long to wait
				5			5 Cost
				2			6 Distance/conven
				80			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code
Note: Applies only if PREVNOGO = 7							
PREVSAC2	232	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 2nd reason why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				14,185			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				11			2 Ineffective treatment
				6			3 Att/person prob
				2			4 Too long to wait
				1			5 Cost
				2			6 Distance/conven
				10			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code
Note: Applies only if PREVNOGO = 7 and 2nd reason was given							
PREVSAC3	234	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 3rd reason why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				14,220			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				0			2 Ineffective treatment
				1			3 Att/person prob
				0			4 Too long to wait
				0			5 Cost
				0			6 Distance/conven
				0			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code
Note: Applies only if PREVNOGO = 7 and 3rd reason was given							
PREVREAS	236	2	PREVFMT		US21		N Main reason go to usual Dr over other Dr
				13,144			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				338			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				278			2 Ineffective treatment
				23			3 Att/person prob
				178			4 Too long to wait
				139			5 Cost
				0			6 Distance/conven
				117			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

Note: Inapplicable if PREVNOGO = .

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REFERDOC	238	2	YES1FMT		US22		N Refer to usual Dr by other Dr/med person
				14,109			. Inapplicable
				61			1 Yes
				51			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 1 or -8			
RECOMDOC	240	2	YES1FMT		US23		N Did family/friends recommend Dr/place?
				14,109			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				28			1 Yes
				83			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PREVSTIL = 1 or -8			
USCHGMOR	242	2	YES1FMT		US24		N Know Dr may charge > Medicare approves
				13,189			. Inapplicable
				35			-8 Don't know
				206			1 Yes
				791			2 No
				Note: Inapp: PREVMEDC=-1; PREVMEDC=-1& PLACEPAR=1&PLACEKND=3/13; or PLACEMCP=1			
USPAPWRK	244	2	DRINFMT		US25		N Does Dr take care of insur paper work?
				5,425			. Inapplicable
				7			-9 Not ascertained
				107			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				7,766			1 Yes
				691			2 No
				40			3 Sometimes
				184			4 Claims not filed for this doctor
				Note: Applies if PLACEKND=X14333, 13 & PREVREAS=1 or REFERDOC=1 & SP has priv			
USHICHEK	246	2	DRCKFMT		US26		N Does insurance firm send check to Dr/SP
				5,724			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				137			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				6,969			1 Usual doctor or provider
				1,066			2 SP
				323			3 Usual doctor or provider and SP
				Note: Applies if USPAPWRK = 1, 2, or 3			

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Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

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NUSMOVIN	274	2	YES1FMT	US40			N No source of care - recent move to area
				13,161			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				108			1 Yes
				951			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			
NUSAVAIL	276	2	YES1FMT	US41			N No source of care - Amer Dr unavailable
				13,161			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				177			1 Yes
				879			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			
USWHYNAV	278	2	WHYFMT	US42			N Why is SP's usual Dr no longer available
				14,044			. Inapplicable
				74			1 Previous doctor retired
				33			2 Previous doctor died
				42			3 Previous doctor moved
				9			4 SP moved
				3			5 Prev doctor/provider too far away
				0			6 Prev Dr/provider charge > Mcare paid
				0			7 Dissatisfied w/prev Dr/provider
				0			8 SP joined HMO
				0			9 SP changed insurance company
				0			10 Doctor changed practice
				16			91 Other
				Note: Applies only if NUSAVAIL = 1			
NUSDIFFP	280	2	YES1FMT	US43			N No source of care - like different place
				13,161			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				118			1 Yes
				936			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			
NUSTOOFR	282	2	YES1FMT	US44			N No source of care - places too far away
				13,161			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-7 Refused
				98			1 Yes
				960			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2			

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NUSTOOEX	284	2	YES1FMT		US45		N No source of care - cost too expensive
				13,161			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				182			1 Yes
				873			2 No

Note: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2