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**MEDICARE CURRENT BENEFICIARY SURVEY**  
Health Status & Functioning -- Helper

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This file contains information about those persons who helped the SP perform various activities. These are activities of daily living (ADLs), instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs), making Medicare insurance decisions, and/or taking care of Medicare paperwork. It includes each helper's relationship to the respondent and specifies which activities in which the helper assists.

There is one record for each person who helped the SP with an ADL, an IADL, or other activity. Therefore, it is possible to have one, several, or no records per respondent.

RIC	1	2					C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1					C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT				C Unique SP Identification Number
				15,346			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
HLPRNUM	12	2					C Helper Identification Number
HLPRREL	14	2	RELFMT				N Relationship of Helper to SP
				8			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample Person
				5,541			2 Spouse
				1,324			3 Son
				2,798			4 Daughter
				151			5 Brother
				438			6 Sister
				114			7 Father
				505			8 Mother
				87			9 Son-in-law
				300			10 Daughter-in-law
				141			11 Grandson
				358			12 Granddaughter
				109			13 Nephew
				230			14 Niece
				130			50 Partner/roommate
				849			51 Friend/neighbor
				7			52 Boarder
				220			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				27			54 Legal/financial officer
				21			55 Guardian
				178			91 Other relative
				1,809			92 Other non-relative
HLPRAGE	16	3	AGEFMT		EN7		N Age of helper
				6,811			. Inapplicable
				8,535			0-999 Age

NOTES: Applies to all helpers who lived with the SP at any time.  
First available in 1992

LIVewith	19	2	YES2FMT		IN7		N Does helper live with SP?
				8,484			1 Yes
				6,862			2 No

NOTES: Based on residence of helper as of the fall round.  
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HCPROF	21	2	YES2FMT		HH1		N Is helper a health care professional?
				248			1 Yes
				15,098			2 No
				NOTE: First available in 1992			
HLPRINS	23	2	YES1FMT		BK56, 57		N Helps SP with Medicare decisions?
				3,500			. Inapplicable
				3,995			1 Yes
				7,851			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if helper's roster number present [MCHIHOST ne -1 (RIC BK)] First available in 1998			
HLPRTLE	25	2	YES1FMT		HS30a		N Helper who assists SP w/ the telephone
				2,002			. Inapplicable
				883			1 Yes
				12,461			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if HELPTELE = 1 First available in 1992			
HLPLHVK	27	2	YES1FMT		HS30b		N Helper who assists SP w/ light housework
				2,002			. Inapplicable
				2,662			1 Yes
				10,682			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if HELPLHVK = 1 First available in 1992			
HLPRHHK	29	2	YES1FMT		HS30c		N Helper who assists SP w/ heavy housework
				2,002			. Inapplicable
				5,978			1 Yes
				7,366			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if HELPHHWK = 1 First available in 1992			
HLPRMEAL	31	2	YES1FMT		HS30d		N Helper who assists SP prepare meals
				2,002			. Inapplicable
				2,192			1 Yes
				11,152			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if HELPMEAL = 1 First available in 1992			
HLPRSHOP	33	2	YES1FMT		HS30e		N Helper who assists SP with shopping
				2,002			. Inapplicable
				3,445			1 Yes
				9,899			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if HELPSHOP = 1 First available in 1992			

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HLPRUSGO	49	2	YES1FMT		US11		N Helper who usually goes with SP to Dr
				2,002			. Inapplicable
				7,800			1 Yes
				5,544			2 No

NOTES: Applies only if someone usually accompanies SP [ACCOMPUS=1 (RIC 3)]  
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