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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

19,650 LOW-HIGH BASEID Count

ERVISIT	12	2	YES1FMT	AC1		N Since refer date did SP go ER for care?
					10,694	. Inapplicable
					10	-8 Don't know
					1,904	1 Yes
					7,042	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
					15,020	. Inapplicable
					1	-9 Not ascertained
					70	-8 Don't know
					273	1 Yes
					4,286	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?
					15,293	. Inapplicable
					1	-9 Not ascertained
					86	-8 Don't know
					1,190	1 Yes
					3,080	2 No

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

D_ERVIS	18	4	MINFMT	AC5		N Mins altogether for ER visit
					15,693	. Inapplicable
					764	0-60 up to 1 hour
					948	60<-120 1 up to 2 hrs
					716	120<-180 2 up to 3 hrs
					544	180<-240 3 up to 4 hrs
					336	240<-300 4 up to 5 hrs
					232	300<-360 5 up to 6 hrs
					107	360<-420 6 up to 7 hrs
					131	420<-480 7 up to 8 hrs
					179	480<-4320 8 hrs or more

NOTES: Applies if ERVISIT=1 or continuing SP had ER visit since last interview
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D_ERWAIT	22	4	SECFMT		AC6		N Mins wait altogether before see ER Dr
				15,542			. Inapplicable
				2,500			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				649			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				161			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				345			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				10			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				63			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				8			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				170			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				202			120<-2880 2 or more hrs

NOTES: Applies if ERVISIT=1 or continuing SP had ER visit since last interview
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ERADMT	26	2	YES1FMT		AC7		N Was SP admitted to hospital from ER?
				17,746			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				893			1 Yes
				1,009			2 No

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

OPDVISIT	28	2	YES1FMT		AC8		N Since reference date did SP go to OPD?
				10,694			. Inapplicable
				22			-8 Don't know
				2,308			1 Yes
				6,626			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
				13,223			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				279			-8 Don't know
				3,215			1 Indicated
				2,930			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
				13,223			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				279			-8 Don't know
				2,833			1 Indicated
				3,312			2 Not indicated

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

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OPDFOLUP	34	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - follow-up
				13,223			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				279			-8 Don't know
				534			1 Indicated
				5,611			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDCHKUP	36	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - checkup
				13,223			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				279			-8 Don't know
				725			1 Indicated
				5,420			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDRFRL	38	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - referral
				13,223			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				279			-8 Don't know
				37			1 Indicated
				6,108			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDSURGY	40	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - surgery
				13,223			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				279			-8 Don't know
				497			1 Indicated
				5,648			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDPSHOT	42	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - preventative shot
				13,223			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				279			-8 Don't know
				18			1 Indicated
				6,127			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			
OPDTSHOT	44	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - treatment shot
				13,223			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				279			-8 Don't know
				23			1 Indicated
				6,122			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies if OPDVISIT=1 or cont. SP had OPD visit since last interview			

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
OPDPMED	46	2	IND1FMT		AC9		N Reason for OPD visit - medication
				13,223			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				279			-8 Don't know
				15			1 Indicated
				6,130			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
				13,223			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				279			-8 Don't know
				98			1 Indicated
				6,047			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?
				18,672			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				706			1 Yes
				268			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
				13,223			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				274			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				5,305			1 Appointment
				845			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?
				14,345			. Inapplicable
				41			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,283			1 Told to come back during a prior visit
				1,980			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
				17,810			. Inapplicable
				302			0 Didn't have wait
				582			1-3 1 to 3 days
				189			4-6 4 to 6 days
				344			7-9 7 to 9 days
				40			10-12 10 to 12 days
				199			13-15 13 to 15 days
				2			16-18 16 to 18 days
				55			19-21 19 to 21 days
				127			22-2700 over 3 weeks

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

D_OPVIS	60	4	MINFMT		AC15		N Mins - visit w/ OPD Dr take altogether?
				13,896			. Inapplicable
				3,007			0-60 up to 1 hour
				1,207			60<-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				536			120<-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				396			180<-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				208			240<-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				143			300<-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				59			360<-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				70			420<-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				128			480<-4320 8 hrs or more

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

D_OPWAIT	64	4	SECFMT		AC16		N Mins - SP spent wait before see OPD Dr
				13,881			. Inapplicable
				3,683			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				1,169			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				249			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				335			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				22			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				84			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				11			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				97			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				119			120<-2880 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
				10,694			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				376			1 Yes
				8,576			2 No

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NHLRESYY	70	4	YRFMT		AC18		N Yr last resident/patient in nursing home
				19,274			. Inapplicable
				17			-8 Don't know
				359		1900-9999	Four-digit year

NOTE: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

NHLRESMM	74	2	MONTHFMT		AC18		N Mo last resident/patient in nursing home
				19,274			. Inapplicable
				75			-8 Don't know
				0			-5 Never ask again
				24			1 January
				22			2 February
				33			3 March
				23			4 April
				29			5 May
				28			6 June
				32			7 July
				27			8 August
				28			9 September
				28			10 October
				14			11 November
				13			12 December

NOTE: Applies only if NHRESVR = 1

MDVISIT	76	2	YES1FMT		AC19		N Since reference date has SP seen med Dr
				10,694			. Inapplicable
				10			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				7,624			1 Yes
				1,320			2 No

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MDSPCLTY	78	2	SPCLFMT		AC20		N MD spec., excl in home/hosp--most recent
				2,362			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				352			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				47			1 Allergy & Immunology
				14			2 Anesthesiology
				955			3 Cardiology (heart)
				367			5 Dermatology (skin)
				0			6 Emergency Room physician
				114			7 Endocrinology & metabolism
				2,198			8 Family practice
				211			9 Gastroenterology
				5,530			10 General practice
				264			11 General surgery
				91			12 Geriatrics
				232			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				59			14 Hematology (blood)
				15			15 Hospital residence
				3,042			16 Internal medicine
				129			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				282			18 Neurology
				8			19 Nuclear Medicine
				257			20 Oncology
				972			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				521			22 Orthopaedics
				151			24 Osteopathy
				171			25 Ear,nose,throat
				6			26 Pathology
				15			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				24			28 Plastic surgery
				17			29 Proctology
				282			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				181			31 Pulmonology
				24			32 Radiology
				151			33 Rheumatology
				10			34 Thoracic Surgery
				410			35 Urology
				181			91 Other physician specialty

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

MDMCOND	80	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - med condition named
				2,362			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				100			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				10,126			1 Indicated
				7,059			2 Not indicated

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MDPSHOT	92	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - preventative shot
				2,362			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				100			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				131			1 Indicated
				17,054			2 Not indicated
NOTE: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview							
MDTSHOT	94	2	IND1FMT		AC21		N Reason Dr was seen - treatment shot
				2,362			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				100			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				18			1 Indicated
				17,167			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
				2,362			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				100			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				62			1 Indicated
				17,123			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
				2,362			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				100			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				16			1 Indicated
				17,169			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?
				16,301			. Inapplicable
				9			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,540			1 Yes
				1,798			2 No

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MDAPPT	102	2	APPTFMT	AC24			N Was visit to Dr - appointment/walk - in
				2,362			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				95			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				16,380			1 Appointment
				811			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?
				3,270			. Inapplicable
				61			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				9,815			1 Told to come back during a prior visit
				6,503			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
				13,358			. Inapplicable
				1,001			0 Didn't have wait
				2,257			1-3 1 to 3 days
				583			4-6 4 to 6 days
				1,085			7-9 7 to 9 days
				86			10-12 10 to 12 days
				589			13-15 13 to 15 days
				1			16-18 16 to 18 days
				216			19-21 19 to 21 days
				474			22-2700 over 3 weeks
							NOTES: Applies only if MDDRTEL = 2 First available in 1992
D_MDVIS	110	4	MINFMT	AC27			N Mins - SP waited for Dr's appointment
				3,094			. Inapplicable
				12,834			0-60 up to 1 hour
				2,880			60<-120 1 up to 2 hrs
				554			120<-180 2 up to 3 hrs
				163			180<-240 3 up to 4 hrs
				60			240<-300 4 up to 5 hrs
				20			300<-360 5 up to 6 hrs
				6			360<-420 6 up to 7 hrs
				10			420<-480 7 up to 8 hrs
				29			480<-4320 8 hrs or more
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D_MDWAIT	114	4	SECFMT		AC28		N Mins - SP spent waiting before seeing Dr
				3,065			. Inapplicable
				10,492			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				3,675			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				878			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				816			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				85			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				255			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				48			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				187			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				149			120<-2880 2 or more hrs

NOTES: Applies if MDVISIT=1 or continuing SP had MD visit since last interview
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MDVCHOIC	118	2	YES1FMT		AC28a		N Was the Dr you saw your first choice?
				12,177			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				104			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				6,918			1 Yes
				449			2 No

NOTES: Inapplicable if MDDRTEL = 1 or SP had no doctor visit
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HCTROUBL	120	2	YES2FMT		AC29		N Has SP had troub get needed hlth care?
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				16			-8 Don't know
				821			1 Yes
				18,787			2 No

HCTRC1	122	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 1
				18,829			. Inapplicable
				84			1 SP has no money
				14			2 Cost is too high
				109			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				51			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				46			5 Difficult to get home health care
				70			6 No treatment available
				17			7 Have to wait too long
				31			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				14			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				39			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				3			11 Referred to specialist
				68			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				52			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				84			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				139			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTE: Applies only if HCTROUBL = 1.

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HCTRC2	124	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 2
				19,582			. Inapplicable
				13			1 SP has no money
				8			2 Cost is too high
				7			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				7			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				2			5 Difficult to get home health care
				0			6 No treatment available
				6			7 Have to wait too long
				1			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				2			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				2			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				0			11 Referred to specialist
				2			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				4			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				6			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				8			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

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

HCTRC3	126	2	CAREFMT		AC30		N Why SP had troub getting needed care - 3
				19,646			. Inapplicable
				0			1 SP has no money
				0			2 Cost is too high
				0			3 Svcs./supplies not covered by insurance
				0			4 Need transportation to doctor/hospital
				0			5 Difficult to get home health care
				0			6 No treatment available
				0			7 Have to wait too long
				0			8 Doctor does not accept Medicare
				1			9 Inelig for pub cov & don't have pri ins
				0			10 Difficulty getting an appointment
				0			11 Referred to specialist
				0			12 HMO referral process-difficulty getting
				1			13 Prob w/ HMO doctors-not good or avail
				0			14 HMO wouldn't cover or provide service
				2			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

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

HCDELAY	128	2	YES2FMT		AC31		N Last year did SP delay care due to cost?
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				12			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,329			1 Yes
				18,282			2 No

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HEARMHMO	130	2	YES1FMT			HIMC1aa	N Heard of HMO that Medicare bene can join
				6,133			. Inapplicable
				17			-9 Not ascertained
				86			-8 Don't know
				7,869			1 Yes
				5,545			2 No

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AREAMHMO	132	2	YES1FMT			HIMC1bb	N HMO in area that Medicare bene can join?
				11,781			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				879			-8 Don't know
				5,807			1 Yes
				1,182			2 No

NOTES: Applies only if HEARMHMO = 1
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OFFRAREA	134	2	YES1FMT			HIMC1cc1	N Does SP prefer more HMOs offered in area
				5,648			. Inapplicable
				1,179			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,974			1 Yes
				10,844			2 No

NOTES: Applies only if HEARMHMO = 1 or .
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DIFFSRVC	136	2	YES1FMT			HIMC1cc2	N Prefer HMO offer diff serv than provided
				7,710			. Inapplicable
				880			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,397			1 Yes
				8,661			2 No

NOTES: Applies only if AREAHMO = 1 or HEARMHMO = .
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HIINFO	138	2	SAT2FMT			HIMC1dd	N How satisfied is SP w/ info abt choices
				5,648			. Inapplicable
				224			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,762			1 Very satisfied
				10,254			2 Satisfied
				668			3 Dissatisfied
				91			4 Very dissatisfied
				0			5 No experience

NOTES: Applies only if HEARMHMO = 1 or .
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HIADDINF	140	2	HIADDFMT		HIMC1ee		N Addl info on hlth coverage info SP wants
				5,648			. Inapplicable
				92			-8 Don't know
				12,238			1 No additional info needed/wanted
				1,672			91 Record all other responses verbatim

NOTES: Applies only if HEARMHMO = 1 or .
First available in 1996

VCHIADD1	142	2	HIADCFMT		HIMC1ee		N 1st code - hlth cover choice info wanted
				17,978			. Inapplicable
				10			-8 Don't know
				421			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				76			2 List of doctors and credentials
				29			3 Location / transportation
				137			4 Cost issues
				104			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				38			6 Availability of referrals
				228			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				24			8 Include people with special cond
				22			9 Quality of the care
				410			10 General clear information
				173			91 Other specified coverage info
				0			92 No additional information needed
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if HIADDINF = 91
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VCHIADD2	144	2	HIADCFMT		HIMC1ee		N 2nd code - hlth cover choice info wanted
				19,260			. Inapplicable
				44			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				14			2 List of doctors and credentials
				20			3 Location / transportation
				27			4 Cost issues
				47			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				29			6 Availability of referrals
				113			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				8			8 Include people with special cond
				7			9 Quality of the care
				51			10 General clear information
				30			91 Other specified coverage info
				0			92 No additional information needed
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if HIADDINF = 91 and 2nd reason was given
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VCHIADD3	146	2	HIADCFMT			HIMC1ee	N 3rd code -hlth cover choice info wanted
				19,583			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				7			2 List of doctors and credentials
				7			3 Location / transportation
				9			4 Cost issues
				10			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				4			6 Availability of referrals
				11			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				1			8 Include people with special cond
				2			9 Quality of the care
				7			10 General clear information
				5			91 Other specified coverage info
				0			92 No additional information needed
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if HIADDINF = 91 and 3rd reason was given
First available in 1996

VCHIADD4	148	2	HIADCFMT			HIMC1ee	N 4th code - hlth cover choice info wanted
				19,645			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Specific benefits / coverage
				0			2 List of doctors and credentials
				0			3 Location / transportation
				1			4 Cost issues
				1			5 Choosing own doctor within HMO
				0			6 Availability of referrals
				1			7 Choices and comparisons of plans
				1			8 Include people with special cond
				0			9 Quality of the care
				0			10 General clear information
				1			91 Other specified coverage info
				0			92 No additional information needed
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if HIADDINF = 91 and 4th reason was given
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JOINMHMO	150	2	YES1FMT			HIMC1ff	N Ever considered joining an HMO?
				17,002			. Inapplicable
				18			-8 Don't know
				416			1 Yes
				2,214			2 No

NOTES: Applies to initial interviews of new panel SPs where AREAMHMO = 2
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VCJOIN1	152	2	JOINCFMT			HIMC1gg	N 1st code - reason SP hasn't joined HMO
				17,436			. Inapplicable
				14			-8 Don't know
				191			10 Satisfied with current situation
				749			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				98			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				133			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				22			19 Satisfied / other reason
				337			20 Negative to HMOs
				78			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				159			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				44			23 Negative / higher costs
				2			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				17			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				44			29 Negative / other
				156			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				64			31 Don't know enough
				10			32 No HMO in area
				10			33 Dont like change
				2			34 Health is good - don't need
				26			39 Indifferent / other
				58			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if JOINMHMO = 2
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VCJOIN2	154	2	JOINCFMT			HIMC1gg	N 2nd code - reason SP hasn't joined HMO
				19,333			. Inapplicable
				9			10 Satisfied with current situation
				32			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				21			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				38			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				10			19 Satisfied / other reason
				49			20 Negative to HMOs
				26			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				44			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				8			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				5			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				18			29 Negative / other
				28			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				6			31 Don't know enough
				3			32 No HMO in area
				8			33 Dont like change
				2			34 Health is good - don't need
				3			39 Indifferent / other
				7			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if JOINMHMO = 2 and 2nd reason was given
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VCJOIN3	156	2	JOINCFMT		HIMC1gg		N 3rd code - reason SP hasn't joined HMO
				19,637			. Inapplicable
				0			10 Satisfied with current situation
				3			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				1			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				0			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				2			20 Negative to HMOs
				2			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				3			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				1			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				0			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				0			29 Negative / other
				0			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				0			31 Don't know enough
				0			32 No HMO in area
				0			33 Dont like change
				0			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				1			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if JOINMHMO = 2 and 3rd reason was given
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VCJOIN4	158	2	JOINCFMT		HIMC1gg		N 4th code - reason SP hasn't joined HMO
				19,650			. Inapplicable
				0			10 Satisfied with current situation
				0			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				0			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				0			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				0			20 Negative to HMOs
				0			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				0			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				0			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				0			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				0			29 Negative / other
				0			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				0			31 Don't know enough
				0			32 No HMO in area
				0			33 Dont like change
				0			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				0			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if JOINMHMO = 2 and 4th reason was given
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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
IFMHMO	160	2	YES1FMT		HIMC1hh		N If HMO in area would SP consider joining
				19,303			. Inapplicable
				35			-8 Don't know
				71			1 Yes
				241			2 No

NOTES: Applies to initial interviews of new panel SPs where AREAMHMO = 2
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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
VCIFMH1	162	2	JOINCFMT		HIMC1ii		N 1st code - reason haven't considered HMO
				19,409			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				31			10 Satisfied with current situation
				53			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				17			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				24			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				47			20 Negative to HMOs
				13			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				18			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				2			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				3			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				5			29 Negative / other
				15			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				4			31 Don't know enough
				1			32 No HMO in area
				0			33 Dont like change
				1			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				5			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if IFMHMO = 2
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VCIFMH2	164	2	JOINCFMT		HIMC1ii		N 2nd code - reason haven't considered HMO
				19,614			. Inapplicable
				0			10 Satisfied with current situation
				8			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				8			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				6			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				6			20 Negative to HMOs
				3			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				3			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				0			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				0			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				0			29 Negative / other
				0			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				1			31 Don't know enough
				0			32 No HMO in area
				0			33 Dont like change
				1			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				0			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if IFMHMO = 2 and 2nd reason was given
First available in 1996

VCIFMH3	166	2	JOINCFMT		HIMC1ii		N 3rd code - reason haven't considered HMO
				19,649			. Inapplicable
				1			10 Satisfied with current situation
				0			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				0			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				0			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				0			20 Negative to HMOs
				0			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				0			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				0			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				0			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				0			29 Negative / other
				0			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				0			31 Don't know enough
				0			32 No HMO in area
				0			33 Dont like change
				0			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				0			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if IFMHMO = 2 and 3rd reason was given
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VCIFMH4	168	2	JOINCfmt		HIMC1ii		N 4th code - reason haven't considered HMO
				19,650			. Inapplicable
				0			10 Satisfied with current situation
				0			11 Satisfied with current coverage
				0			12 Satisfied with current doctor
				0			13 Satisfied with ability to choose prov
				0			19 Satisfied / other reason
				0			20 Negative to HMOs
				0			21 Negative / HMO medical care
				0			22 Negative / limits choices-restrict
				0			23 Negative / higher costs
				0			24 Negative / inconvenient location
				0			25 Negative / coverage not portable
				0			29 Negative / other
				0			30 Indifferent to HMOs
				0			31 Don't know enough
				0			32 No HMO in area
				0			33 Dont like change
				0			34 Health is good - don't need
				0			39 Indifferent / other
				0			91 Other specified
				0			92 Did consider joining HMO
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTES: Applies only if IFMHMO = 2 and 4th reason was given
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MCQUALTY	170	2	SAT1fmt		SC1		N Satis w/ qual of med care rec'd last yr
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				5,826			1 Very satisfied
				12,180			2 Satisfied
				679			3 Dissatisfied
				131			4 Very dissatisfied
				768			5 No experience
MCAVAIL	172	2	SAT1fmt		SC2		N Satis w/ avail med care night & weekends
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				75			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,068			1 Very satisfied
				8,116			2 Satisfied
				492			3 Dissatisfied
				143			4 Very dissatisfied
				8,729			5 No experience

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MCEASE	174	2	SAT1FMT		SC3		N Ease of get to Dr from where SP lives
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				24			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,792			1 Very satisfied
				14,187			2 Satisfied
				884			3 Dissatisfied
				172			4 Very dissatisfied
				564			5 No experience
MCCOSTS	176	2	SAT1FMT		SC4		N Satis w/ OOP costs for medical services
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				76			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				3,549			1 Very satisfied
				12,694			2 Satisfied
				1,712			3 Dissatisfied
				492			4 Very dissatisfied
				1,099			5 No experience
MCINFO	178	2	SAT1FMT		SC5		N Satis w/ info abt what was wrong w/ you
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				65			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				3,555			1 Very satisfied
				14,123			2 Satisfied
				889			3 Dissatisfied
				162			4 Very dissatisfied
				828			5 No experience
MCFOLUP	180	2	SAT1FMT		SC6		N Satis w/ folowup care after inital treat
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				50			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,683			1 Very satisfied
				12,846			2 Satisfied
				490			3 Dissatisfied
				100			4 Very dissatisfied
				2,454			5 No experience
MCCONCRN	182	2	SAT1FMT		SC7		N Satis w/ Dr's concern for overall health
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				115			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,914			1 Very satisfied
				13,633			2 Satisfied
				837			3 Dissatisfied
				150			4 Very dissatisfied
				974			5 No experience

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MCSAMLOC	184	2	SAT1FMT		SC8		N Satis w/ get med care done same location
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				57			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				3,035			1 Very satisfied
				13,631			2 Satisfied
				763			3 Dissatisfied
				117			4 Very dissatisfied
				2,019			5 No experience
MCSPECAR	186	2	SAT1FMT		SC8a		N Satis w/ avail of care by specialists
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				76			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,566			1 Very satisfied
				12,794			2 Satisfied
				557			3 Dissatisfied
				136			4 Very dissatisfied
				2,494			5 No experience
NOTE: First available in 1996							
MCTELANS	188	2	SAT1FMT		SC8b		N Ease w/ get treat/presc answers on phone
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				65			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,365			1 Very satisfied
				11,631			2 Satisfied
				772			3 Dissatisfied
				219			4 Very dissatisfied
				4,571			5 No experience
NOTE: First available in 1996							
MCDISSFY	190	2	DISAFFMT		SC9		N Things abt med services - dissatis with
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				41			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				15,266			1 Not dissatisfied with anything
				4,316			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMDIS1-3

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VCMCDIS1	192	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 1st code - What abt med serv SP dissatis
				15,334			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				614			1 Cost of health care
				43			2 Can't afford
				438			3 Services covered
				107			4 Inconvenient location
				454			5 Waiting time
				156			6 Time spent with doctor
				159			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				17			8 Unnecessary tests
				409			9 Doctor's attitude
				159			10 Paperwork
				29			11 Rarely use services
				92			12 Attitude of other medical person
				172			13 Doctor's competence
				75			14 Competence of other medical person
				15			15 No preventative care
				15			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				147			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				40			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				28			19 HMO restrictions on services
				74			20 Cant see same HMO prov / no prov choice
				1,072			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTE: Applies only if MCDISSFY = 91

VCMCDIS2	194	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 2nd code - What abt med serv SP dissatis
				18,932			. Inapplicable
				42			1 Cost of health care
				26			2 Can't afford
				80			3 Services covered
				22			4 Inconvenient location
				52			5 Waiting time
				48			6 Time spent with doctor
				31			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				4			8 Unnecessary tests
				94			9 Doctor's attitude
				13			10 Paperwork
				1			11 Rarely use services
				42			12 Attitude of other medical person
				24			13 Doctor's competence
				24			14 Competence of other medical person
				9			15 No preventative care
				6			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				24			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				7			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				9			19 HMO restrictions on services
				17			20 Cant see same HMO prov / no prov choice
				143			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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VCMCDIS3	196	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 3rd code - What abt med serv SP dissatis
				19,591			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Cost of health care
				0			2 Can't afford
				6			3 Services covered
				0			4 Inconvenient location
				2			5 Waiting time
				3			6 Time spent with doctor
				6			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				0			8 Unnecessary tests
				11			9 Doctor's attitude
				1			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				2			12 Attitude of other medical person
				3			13 Doctor's competence
				1			14 Competence of other medical person
				0			15 No preventative care
				1			16 Reliance on medicines for treatment
				5			17 Process of getting a referral at an HMO
				1			18 General dissatisfaction with HMO
				1			19 HMO restrictions on services
				1			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

VCMCDIS4	198	2	VERBAFMT		SC9		N 4th code - What abt med serv SP dissatis
				19,648			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Cost of health care
				0			2 Can't afford
				0			3 Services covered
				0			4 Inconvenient location
				0			5 Waiting time
				0			6 Time spent with doctor
				1			7 Thoroughness of doctor
				0			8 Unnecessary tests
				0			9 Doctor's attitude
				0			10 Paperwork
				0			11 Rarely use services
				0			12 Attitude of other medical person
				0			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
				1			91 Other
				0			92 Not dissatisfied with anything
				0			95 Unable to code

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

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MCIMPROV	200	2	IMPROFMT		SC10		N Things abt med services need improvement
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				109			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				15,471			1 No improvement
				4,043			91 Verbatim responses coded at VCMCIMP1-3
VCMCIMP1	202	2	VERIFMT		SC10		N 1st code - improve needed w/ med serv
				15,607			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				405			1 Reduce cost
				46			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				696			3 Expansion of covered services
				86			4 More convenient location
				577			5 Reduce wait time
				272			6 More time spent with patients
				70			7 More thorough exam
				15			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				266			9 Improve attitude: physician
				43			10 Reduce paperwork
				62			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				129			12 Improve competence of physician
				95			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				160			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				21			15 Rarely use services
				263			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				137			17 Referral process at HMO
				79			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				619			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				1			95 Unable to code

NOTE: Applies only if MCIMPROV = 91

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VCMCIMP2	204	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 2nd code - improve needed w/ med serv
				19,115			. Inapplicable
				37			1 Reduce cost
				7			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				41			3 Expansion of covered services
				13			4 More convenient location
				32			5 Reduce wait time
				38			6 More time spent with patients
				31			7 More thorough exam
				3			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				83			9 Improve attitude: physician
				11			10 Reduce paperwork
				28			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				27			12 Improve competence of physician
				26			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				14			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				1			15 Rarely use services
				32			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				31			17 Referral process at HMO
				19			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				61			91 Other
				0			92 No improvement needed
				0			95 Unable to code

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

VCMCIMP3	206	2	VERIMFMT		SC10		N 3rd code - improve needed w/ med serv
				19,601			. Inapplicable
				1			1 Reduce cost
				0			2 More financial aid/public assistance
				4			3 Expansion of covered services
				0			4 More convenient location
				4			5 Reduce wait time
				3			6 More time spent with patients
				6			7 More thorough exam
				1			8 Reduce unnecessary tests
				3			9 Improve attitude: physician
				1			10 Reduce paperwork
				2			11 Improve attitude of other medical person
				3			12 Improve competence of physician
				1			13 Improve competence of oth medical person
				1			14 Improve bill processing/explanations
				0			15 Rarely use services
				1			16 Avail/select of providers in HMO
				2			17 Referral process at HMO
				11			18 HMO needs for concern for its patients
				5			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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MCRAPPT	228	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't get appoint
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				76			1 Indicated
				1,578			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRAVAIL	230	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no Dr available
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				82			1 Indicated
				1,572			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRWAY	232	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no way to get to Dr
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				119			1 Indicated
				1,535			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRFAMILY	234	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - can't leave family
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				46			1 Indicated
				1,608			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCDRCDM	236	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - think can't do much
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				291			1 Indicated
				1,363			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCRFEAR	238	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - feared what's wrong
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				189			1 Indicated
				1,465			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			
MCDRCHG	240	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - charge>Medicare pay
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				67			1 Indicated
				1,587			2 Not indicated
				NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1			

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MCRACCPT	242	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - accept no Medicaid
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				25			1 Indicated
				1,629			2 Not indicated
							NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1
MCRDOCTR	244	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - don't trust/afraid
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				0			1 Indicated
				1,654			2 Not indicated
							NOTES: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1
							First available in 1996
MCRHOSP	246	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - fear be put in hosp
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				0			1 Indicated
				1,654			2 Not indicated
							NOTES: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1
							First available in 1996
MCRNOCAR	248	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - no feel like/care
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				0			1 Indicated
				1,654			2 Not indicated
							NOTES: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1
							First available in 1996
MCRUNABL	250	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - needed house call
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				0			1 Indicated
				1,654			2 Not indicated
							NOTES: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1
							First available in 1996
MCROTHR	252	2	IND1FMT		SC13		N Reason Dr not seen - other
				17,989			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				242			1 Indicated
				1,412			2 Not indicated
							NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1

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MCRMAIN	254	2	NODOCFMT		SC14		N Main reason SP not see Dr abt condition?
				17,996			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				529			1 Problem not serious
				251			2 Costs too much
				54			3 Didn't have time
				45			4 Appointment not soon enough
				61			5 No doctor available
				84			6 No way to doctor
				35			7 Couldn't leave other family member
				203			8 SP thought Dr couldn't do much abt prob
				130			9 SP afraid of finding out what was wrong
				20			10 Dr charges more than Medicare pays
				17			11 SP couldn't find Dr to accept Medicaid
				0			12 Afraid of doctor
				0			13 Afraid of hospital
				0			14 Didn't care
				0			15 Needed house call
				221			91 Other specify
							NOTE: Applies only if MCDRNSEE = 1
PMNOTGET	256	2	YES2FMT		SC15		N Were there presc medicines SP didn't get
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				26			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				572			1 Yes
				19,024			2 No
							NOTE: First available in 1996
PMNAME1	258	25			SC16		C Name of medicine didn't get this yr - 1
							NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996
PMNAME2	283	25			SC16		C Name of medicine didn't get this yr - 2
							NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 or no 2nd prescription was named. First available in 1996
PMNAME3	308	25			SC16		C Name of medicine didn't get this yr - 3
							NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 or no 3rd prescription was named. First available in 1996
PMNAME4	333	25			SC16		C Name of medicine didn't get this yr - 4
							NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 or no 4th prescription was named. First available in 1996
PMNAME5	358	25			SC16		C Name of medicine didn't get this yr - 5
							NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 or no 5th prescription was named. First available in 1996

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PMNOCOND	383	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - not for condition
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				91			1 Indicated
				481			2 Not indicated
			NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996				
PMCOST	385	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - medicine too costly
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				249			1 Indicated
				323			2 Not indicated
			NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996				
PMNOCOV	387	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - insurance didnt cover
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				122			1 Indicated
				450			2 Not indicated
			NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996				
PMNOTIME	389	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - didn't have time
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Indicated
				568			2 Not indicated
			NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996				
PMNOSOON	391	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - not get soon enough
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				6			1 Indicated
				566			2 Not indicated
			NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996				
PMPHARM	393	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - pharmacy inconvenient
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Indicated
				568			2 Not indicated
			NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996				

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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
PMNOWAY	395	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - no way to get it
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				6			1 Indicated
				566			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996			
PMNOHELP	397	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - won't help condition
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				39			1 Indicated
				533			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996			
PMREACT	399	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - feared reaction
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				90			1 Indicated
				482			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996			
PMNONEED	401	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - got better - no need
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				32			1 Indicated
				540			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996			
PMNOLIKE	403	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - dislike taking meds
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				33			1 Indicated
				539			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996			
PMOTHER	405	2	IND1FMT		SC17		N SP didn't get Rx - other
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				64			1 Indicated
				508			2 Not indicated
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996			
PMOTHOS	407	30			SC17		C SP didn't get Rx - other (specify)
				NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1 First available in 1996			

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PMMAIN	437	2	PMMEDFMT		SC18		N Main reason didn't get medicine this yr
				19,078			. Inapplicable
				72			1 Didn't think med was necessary for cond
				210			2 Thought it would cost too much
				83			3 Med not covered by insurand or Medicaid
				3			4 Didn't have time
				3			5 Could not get the medicine soon enough
				3			6 No pharmacy convenient
				4			7 Didn't have a way to get medicine
				20			8 Didn't think med would help condition
				71			9 Afraid of reactions/contraindications
				24			10 Felt better - didn't need medicine
				21			11 Dont like to take medicine
				58			91 Other

NOTES: Applies only if PMNOTGET = 1
First available in 1996

PLACEPAR	439	2	YES2FMT		US1		N Does SP go particular place for med care
				25			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				13			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				18,483			1 Yes
				1,127			2 No

PLACEKND	441	2	PLACEFMT		US2		N Kind of place SP usually go for med care
				1,167			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				11,848			1 Doctor's office or group practice
				1,801			2 Doctor's clinic
				3,596			3 HMO
				137			4 Neighborhood or family health center
				1			5 Freestanding surgery center
				55			6 Rural Health Clinic
				10			7 Company clinic
				128			8 Other clinic
				18			9 Walk-in urgent care center
				41			10 At home
				46			11 Hospital emergency room
				421			12 Hospital outpatient department
				330			13 Veterans' Administration facility
				4			14 Mental health center
				40			91 Other, specify

NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1

USUALDOC	443	2	YES1FMT		US4		N Is there particular Dr SP usually sees
				13,056			. Inapplicable
				13			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				5,861			1 Yes
				719			2 No

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

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D_USSPCW	445	2	SPCLFMT		US6		N MD spec, incl in home/hosp--usually seen
				1,900			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				316			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				17			1 Allergy & Immunology
				6			2 Anesthesiology
				616			3 Cardiology (heart)
				8			5 Dermatology (skin)
				3			6 Emergency Room physician
				121			7 Endocrinology & metabolism
				3,191			8 Family practice
				103			9 Gastroenterology
				7,278			10 General practice
				79			11 General surgery
				138			12 Geriatrics
				65			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				27			14 Hematology (blood)
				11			15 Hospital residence
				4,644			16 Internal medicine
				108			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				85			18 Neurology
				12			19 Nuclear Medicine
				109			20 Oncology
				21			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				45			22 Orthopaedics
				259			24 Osteopathy
				7			25 Ear,nose,throat
				0			26 Pathology
				2			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				0			28 Plastic surgery
				1			29 Proctology
				107			30 Psychology/Psychtiary
				143			31 Pulmonology
				2			32 Radiology
				66			33 Rheumatology
				6			34 Thoracic Surgery
				56			35 Urology
				96			91 Other physician specialty

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

USHOUSCL	447	2	YES1FMT		US7		N Does Dr make house calls?
				1,208			. Inapplicable
				1,748			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				758			1 Yes
				15,935			2 No

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

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GETUSHOW	449	2	GODRFMT		US8		N How does SP usually get to Dr's office?
				1,208			. Inapplicable
				6			-8 Don't know
				522			1 Walking
				11,146			2 Driving
				5,543			3 Being driven
				227			4 Ambulance or other special vehicle
				196			5 Taxi
				655			6 Other public transportation
				41			7 Doctor comes to home
				16			8 Senior citizen van/bus
				90			91 Other, specify

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

D_GETUS	451	4	SECFMT		US9		N Mins - usually take to get Dr's office
				1,320			. Inapplicable
				10,934			0-15 Up to 15 minutes
				5,495			15<-30 15 to 30 minutes
				1,056			30<-45 30 to 45 minutes
				473			45<-60 45 mins to 1 hr
				49			60<-75 1 hr to 1 1/4 hr
				126			75<-90 1 hr to 90 mins
				20			90<-105 90 min to 1 3/4 hr
				85			105<-120 1 3/4 hr to 2 hr
				92			120<-2880 2 or more hrs

NOTES: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7
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ACCOMPUS	455	2	YES1FMT		US10		N Does someone accompany SP to Dr's office
				1,255			. Inapplicable
				7			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				7,798			1 Yes
				10,588			2 No

NOTE: Inapplicable if GETUSHOW < 0 or GETUSHOW = 7

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11,852	0	. Inapplicable
0	-5	Never ask again
3,718	0	1 Sample Person
545	2	Spouse
1,543	3	Son
78	4	Daughter
238	5	Brother
51	6	Sister
276	7	Father
30	8	Mother
137	9	Son-in-law
36	10	Daughter-in-law
124	11	Grandson
36	12	Granddaughter
116	13	Nephew
71	14	Niece
415	50	Partner/roommate
3	51	Friend/neighbor
47	52	Boarder
2	53	Nurse/nurses aide
14	54	Legal/financial officer
88	55	Guardian
230	91	Other relative
	92	Other non-relative

NOTE: Applies only if ACCOMPUS = 1

5,093	. Inapplicable
5	-9 Not ascertained
167	-8 Don't know
1	-7 Refused
590	1 To SP
13,390	2 To doctor
404	3 No payment from Medicare

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

5,497	. Inapplicable
4	-9 Not ascertained
484	-8 Don't know
2	-7 Refused
967	1 Yes
12,696	2 No

NOTE: Inapplicable if USMCCHEK = 3 or .

18,683	. Inapplicable
1	-8 Don't know
50	1 Yes
916	2 No

NOTE: Applies only if PAIDMORE = 1

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PREVSAC1	475	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 1st code - why dissatis w/ previous Dr?
				19,331			. Inapplicable
				10			-9 Not ascertained
				20			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				53			2 Ineffective treatment
				130			3 Att/person prob
				31			4 Too long to wait
				3			5 Cost
				9			6 Distance/conven
				63			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTE: Applies only if PREVNOGO = 7

PREVSAC2	477	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 2nd code - why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				19,617			. Inapplicable
				4			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				9			2 Ineffective treatment
				13			3 Att/person prob
				2			4 Too long to wait
				3			5 Cost
				0			6 Distance/conven
				2			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTE: Applies only if PREVNOGO = 7 and 2nd reason was given

PREVSAC3	479	2	PREVFMT		US20		N 3rd code - why dissatis w/ previous Dr
				19,648			. Inapplicable
				0			1 Inaccurate diagnosis
				0			2 Ineffective treatment
				0			3 Att/person prob
				0			4 Too long to wait
				1			5 Cost
				0			6 Distance/conven
				1			91 Other
				0			95 Unable to code

NOTE: Applies only if PREVNOGO = 7 and 3rd reason was given

PREVREAS	481	2	PREVRFMT		US21		N Main reason go to usual Dr than other Dr
				18,066			. Inapplicable
				6			-8 Don't know
				409			1 Refred by another doctor/medical person
				413			2 Usual Dr/provider referred by fam/friend
				31			3 SP needed specialist
				296			4 New doctor assigned
				217			5 Location/convenience
				212			91 Other, specify

NOTE: Inapplicable if PREVNOGO = .

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USCOMPET	495	2	AGREE		US28		N Your Dr is competent and well-trained
				1,167			. Inapplicable
				282			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				5,222			1 Strongly agree
				12,668			2 Agree
				158			3 Disagree
				13			4 Strongly disagree
				138			5 No experience
				NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USUNHIST	497	2	AGREE		US29		N Dr has good understanding of med history
				1,167			. Inapplicable
				328			-8 Don't know
				4,658			1 Strongly agree
				12,634			2 Agree
				609			3 Disagree
				49			4 Strongly disagree
				205			5 No experience
				NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USUNWRNG	499	2	AGREE		US30		N Dr complete understand what wrong w/ SP
				1,167			. Inapplicable
				355			-8 Don't know
				4,064			1 Strongly agree
				12,814			2 Agree
				935			3 Disagree
				77			4 Strongly disagree
				238			5 No experience
				NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USHURRY	501	2	AGREE		US31		N Dr at serv place seems to be in a hurry
				1,167			. Inapplicable
				115			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				340			1 Strongly agree
				2,362			2 Agree
				12,548			3 Disagree
				2,947			4 Strongly disagree
				169			5 No experience
				NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			
USEXPPRB	503	2	AGREE		US32		N Dr doesn't explain med problems to SP
				1,167			. Inapplicable
				170			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				170			1 Strongly agree
				1,462			2 Agree
				13,539			3 Disagree
				2,864			4 Strongly disagree
				277			5 No experience
				NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1			

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USCONFID	513	2	AGREE		US37		N SP has great confidence in Dr
				1,167			. Inapplicable
				268			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				5,044			1 Strongly agree
				12,017			2 Agree
				851			3 Disagree
				115			4 Strongly disagree
				186			5 No experience
							NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1
USDEPEND	515	2	AGREE		US38		N Depend on Dr feel better phys & emotion
				1,167			. Inapplicable
				310			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				3,394			1 Strongly agree
				11,835			2 Agree
				2,431			3 Disagree
				235			4 Strongly disagree
				276			5 No experience
							NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 1
NUSNOTSK	517	2	YES1FMT		US39		N No source of care - seldom or never sick
				18,523			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				759			1 Yes
				364			2 No
							NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
NUSMOVIN	519	2	YES1FMT		US40		N No source of care - recent move to area
				18,523			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				99			1 Yes
				1,026			2 No
							NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
NUSAVAIL	521	2	YES1FMT		US41		N No source of care - Amer Dr unavailable
				18,523			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				208			1 Yes
				913			2 No
							NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2

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USWHYNAV	523	2	WHYFMT		US42		N Why is SP's usual Dr no longer available
				19,442			. Inapplicable
				60			1 Prior doctor retired
				38			2 Prior doctor died
				55			3 Prior doctor moved
				16			4 SP moved
				4			5 Prior doctor/provider too far away
				0			6 Prior Dr/provider charge > Mcare paid
				0			7 Dissatisfied w/prior Dr/provider
				0			8 SP joined HMO
				0			9 SP changed insurance company
				0			10 Doctor changed practice
				35			91 Other
							NOTE: Applies only if NUSAVAIL = 1
NUSDIFFP	525	2	YES1FMT		US43		N No source of care - like different place
				18,523			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				131			1 Yes
				992			2 No
							NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
NUSTOOFR	527	2	YES1FMT		US44		N No source of care - places too far away
				18,523			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				83			1 Yes
				1,041			2 No
							NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2
NUSTOOEX	529	2	YES1FMT		US45		N No source of care - cost too expensive
				18,523			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				11			-8 Don't know
				186			1 Yes
				929			2 No
							NOTE: Applies only if PLACEPAR = 2