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This file (much like the RIC BK) provides the opportunity to quantify many of CMS's Strategic Plan objectives. Specifically, it is designed to obtain an understanding as to how beneficiaries receive information about their benefits and about developments in the Medicare program.

RIC	1	2				C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1				C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT			C Unique SP Identification Number
				14,096		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
BNKNCVR	12	2	KNWFMT	BN1		N Know about what services Medicare covers
				2		-9 Not Ascertained
				102		-8 Don't know
				10		-7 Refused
				1,827		1 Just about everything you need to know
				3,943		2 Most of what you need to know
				3,991		3 Some of what you need to know
				2,441		4 A little of what you need to know
				1,780		5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNKNPAYM	14	2	KNWFMT	BN2		N Know about what SP must pay for services
				2		-9 Not Ascertained
				141		-8 Don't know
				9		-7 Refused
				2,576		1 Just about everything you need to know
				4,014		2 Most of what you need to know
				3,377		3 Some of what you need to know
				2,171		4 A little of what you need to know
				1,806		5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNKNSUPL	16	2	KNWFMT	BN3		N Know about supplement/Medigap coverage
				2		-9 Not Ascertained
				177		-8 Don't know
				11		-7 Refused
				2,042		1 Just about everything you need to know
				3,242		2 Most of what you need to know
				2,679		3 Some of what you need to know
				2,252		4 A little of what you need to know
				3,691		5 Almost none of what you need to know

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BNKNMMCP	18	2	KNOWFMT		BN4		N Know about Medicare managed care plans
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				164			-8 Don't know
				11			-7 Refused
				1,504			1 Just about everything you need to know
				2,055			2 Most of what you need to know
				2,196			3 Some of what you need to know
				2,430			4 A little of what you need to know
				5,734			5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNKNCHDR	20	2	KNOWFMT	BN5	N Know abt choosing Dr/hlth care provider
				2	-9 Not Ascertained
				177	-8 Don't know
				10	-7 Refused
				3,821	1 Just about everything you need to know
				4,690	2 Most of what you need to know
				2,801	3 Some of what you need to know
				1,493	4 A little of what you need to know
				1,102	5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNKNHLTH	22	2	KNOWFMT	BN6	N Know about staying healthy
				2	-9 Not Ascertained
				101	-8 Don't know
				11	-7 Refused
			4,590		1 Just about everything you need to know
			5,755		2 Most of what you need to know
			2,599		3 Some of what you need to know
			742		4 A little of what you need to know
			296		5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNKNMDCD	24	2	KNOWFMT	BN7	N Know about what services Mcaid covers
			3		-9 Not Ascertained
			15		-8 Don't know
		12,540			-1 Inapplicable
		204			1 Just about everything you need to know
		359			2 Most of what you need to know
		362			3 Some of what you need to know
		299			4 A little of what you need to know
		314			5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTES: Applies only if SP is covered by Medicaid
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BUYINPRG	26	2	YES1FMT	BN8	N Heard of Medicare buy-in programs
				2	-9 Not Ascertained
				61	-8 Don't Know
				8	-7 Refused
				1,323	1 Yes
				12,702	2 No

NOTES: Asked only of SPs in new panels beginning in 2000.
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BUYINBEN	28	2	YES1FMT		BN9		N Aware of Medicare buy-in benefits
				27			-8 Don't Know
				1,394			-1 Inapplicable
				1,000			1 Yes
				11,675			2 No

NOTES: Asked only if BUYINPRG = 2 or -8.
First available in 1998

BNTOPIC1	30	2	BNTOPIC		BN10		N Topic most important to have info about
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				78			-8 Don't Know
				8			-7 Refused
				3,698			1 What services Medicare does/does not cov
				1,068			2 How much SP would pay for med services
				545			3 Supplemental of Medigap insurance
				507			4 Avail and benefits of Mcar Mngd care pla
				459			5 Choosing/Finding a Dr or other med prov
				1,258			6 Staying healthy
				183			7 Medicaid
				1,136			8 QMB, SLMB, QI, or buy-in plans
				5,155			96 Does not want or need this information

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNTOPIC2	32	2	BNTOPIC		BN10		N Topic 2nd most important 2 have info abt
				8,256			-1 Inapplicable
				843			1 What services Medicare does/does not cov
				1,942			2 How much SP would pay for med services
				518			3 Supplemental of Medigap insurance
				661			4 Avail and benefits of Mcar Mngd care pla
				530			5 Choosing/Finding a Dr or other med prov
				684			6 Staying healthy
				247			7 Medicaid
				415			8 QMB, SLMB, QI, or buy-in plans
				0			96 Does not want or need this information

NOTES: Applies only if SP needs more info on more than one topic/program
First available in 1998

BNTOPIC3	34	2	BNTOPIC		BN10		N Topic 3rd most important 2 have info abt
				10,445			-1 Inapplicable
				395			1 What services Medicare does/does not cov
				536			2 How much SP would pay for med services
				508			3 Supplemental of Medigap insurance
				506			4 Avail and benefits of Mcar Mngd care pla
				457			5 Choosing/Finding a Dr or other med prov
				632			6 Staying healthy
				173			7 Medicaid
				444			8 QMB, SLMB, QI, or buy-in plans
				0			96 Does not want or need this information

NOTES: Applies only if SP needs more info on more than two topics/programs
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Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
BNGOCVR	36	2	BNGOSRC		BN11		N Source SP goes to 4 Mcare coverage info
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				161			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				655			1 Community civic org, sr ctr, or library
				3,314			2 Doctor or other medical provider
				5,165			3 Medicare programs/carrier, incl 800 no.
				605			4 A health insurance company or an HMO
				494			5 AARP or other senior citizens group
				668			6 Family/friends/caregivers
				186			91 Other specify
				2,839			96 Does not want or need this information
							NOTE: First available in 1998
BNGOCVOS	38	30			BN11		C SP's other source 4 Mcare coverage info
							NOTE: First available in 1998
BNGOMMCP	68	2	BNGOSRC		BN12		N SP's source for Mcare managed care info
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				267			-8 Don't Know
				8			-7 Refused
				374			1 Community civic org, sr ctr, or library
				1,476			2 Doctor or other medical provider
				3,363			3 Medicare programs/carrier, incl 800 no.
				1,864			4 A health insurance company or an HMO
				415			5 AARP or other senior citizens group
				542			6 Family/friends/caregivers
				115			91 Other specify
				5,670			96 Does not want or need this information
							NOTE: First available in 1998
BNGOMCOS	70	30			BN12		C SP's oth source 4 Mcare manage care info
							NOTE: First available in 1998
BNGOSUPL	100	2	BNGOSRC		BN13		N Source SP go to 4 supplemen/Medigap info
				3			-9 Not Ascertained
				280			-8 Don't Know
				9			-7 Refused
				343			1 Community civic org, sr ctr, or library
				1,045			2 Doctor or other medical provider
				2,148			3 Medicare programs/carrier, incl 800 no.
				3,570			4 A health insurance company or an HMO
				812			5 AARP or other senior citizens group
				667			6 Family/friends/caregivers
				165			91 Other specify
				5,054			96 Does not want or need this information
							NOTE: First available in 1998
BNGOSPOS	102	30			BN13		C SP's oth source 4 Mcare supple/Mgap info
							NOTE: First available in 1998

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KPUPNONE	132	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare development info not want/needed
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				1,654			1 Indicated
				12,375			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPUPTALK	134	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare development info--talk w/ others
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				7,076			1 Indicated
				6,953			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPU PFONE	136	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare developments info from telephone
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				4,794			1 Indicated
				9,235			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPUPBROC	138	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare development info brochure/pamphlet
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				6,413			1 Indicated
				7,616			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPUPTVRD	140	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare developments info from TV or radio
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				2,679			1 Indicated
				11,350			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPUPNEWS	142	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare development info-- newsp/magazine
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				59			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				2,713			1 Indicated
				11,316			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998

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BNSUPMCP	184	2	TRUE1FMT		BN18		N Mgap/Supplement same Mcare manage care
				3			-9 Not Ascertained
				7			-7 Refused
				970			1 True
				6,025			2 False
				7,091			3 Not sure
NOTES: Asked only of SPs in new panels beginning in 2000. First available in 1998							
BNFLUSHT	186	2	TRUE1FMT		BN19		N Medicare covers an annual flu shot
				3			-9 Not Ascertained
				7			-7 Refused
				11,803			1 True
				414			2 False
				1,869			3 Not sure
NOTES: Asked only of SPs in new panels beginning in 2000. First available in 1998							
BNHAVCOM	188	2	YES2FMT		BN22		N SP has personal computer in home
				4			-9 Not Ascertained
				6			-8 Don't Know
				13			-7 Refused
				2,922			1 Yes
				11,151			2 No
NOTE: First available in 1998							
BNHAVCAB	190	2	YES2FMT		BN23		N SP has cable TV in home
				4			-9 Not Ascertained
				10			-8 Don't Know
				14			-7 Refused
				9,860			1 Yes
				4,208			2 No
NOTE: First available in 1998							
BNHAVVCR	192	2	YES2FMT		BN24		N SP has VCR in home
				4			-9 Not Ascertained
				11			-8 Don't Know
				14			-7 Refused
				10,179			1 Yes
				3,888			2 No
NOTE: First available in 1998							
INETACCS	194	2	YESNONET		BN25		N Does SP have internet access?
				4			-9 Not Ascertained
				21			-8 Don't Know
				9			-7 Refused
				2,745			1 Yes
				10,901			2 No
				416			3 Never heard of the internet
NOTE: First available in 1998							

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INETUSED	196	2	YES1FMT		BN26		N SP has used internet/other online svc.
				15			-8 Don't Know
				450			-1 Inapplicable
				1,850			1 Yes
				11,781			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if INETACCS = 1 or 2 First available in 1998			
INETMNTNTH	198	2	YES1FMT		BN27		N SP used internet/oth online svc last mos
				4			-8 Don't Know
				12,246			-1 Inapplicable
				1,275			1 Yes
				571			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if INETUSED = 1 First available in 1998			
INETYEAR	200	2	YES1FMT		BN28		N SP used internet/oth online--last 12 mos
				1			-8 Don't Know
				12,250			-1 Inapplicable
				1,673			1 Yes
				172			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if INETMNTNTH = 1 or 2 First available in 1998			
LIBRACCS	202	2	YES2FMT		BN29		N Public lib/lib on wheels in neighborhood
				4			-9 Not Ascertained
				281			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				10,836			1 Yes
				2,968			2 No
				NOTE: First available in 1998			
LIBRUSED	204	2	YES2FMT		BN30		N SP uses public library
				4			-9 Not Ascertained
				18			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				5,082			1 Yes
				8,985			2 No
				NOTE: First available in 1998			
LIBRGOTO	206	2	YES1FMT		BN31		N SP can get to the library
				66			-8 Don't Know
				5,111			-1 Inapplicable
				6,966			1 Yes
				1,953			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if LIBRUSED = 2 First available in 1998			

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SRCTRACS	208	2	YES2FMT		BN32		N Senior center in neighborhood of SP
				4			-9 Not Ascertained
				1,386			-8 Don't Know
				8			-7 Refused
				9,014			1 Yes
				3,684			2 No

NOTE: First available in 1998

SRCTRUSE	210	2	YES2FMT		BN33		N SP uses as senior center
				4			-9 Not Ascertained
				46			-8 Don't Know
				8			-7 Refused
				2,380			1 Yes
				11,658			2 No

NOTE: First available in 1998

SRCTRGET	212	2	YES1FMT		BN34		N SP can get to the senior center
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				310			-8 Don't Know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,438			-1 Inapplicable
				8,629			1 Yes
				2,717			2 No

NOTES: Applies only if SRCTRUSE = 2
First available in 1998