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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
				11,718			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
HLPRNUM	12	2					C Helper Identification Number
HLPRREL	14	2	RELFMT				N Relationship of Helper to SP
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample Person
				4,290			2 Spouse
				937			3 Son
				2,177			4 Daughter
				116			5 Brother
				313			6 Sister
				91			7 Father
				423			8 Mother
				67			9 Son-in-law
				228			10 Daughter-in-law
				112			11 Grandson
				234			12 Granddaughter
				59			13 Nephew
				175			14 Niece
				93			50 Partner/roommate
				643			51 Friend/neighbor
				13			52 Boarder
				142			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				19			54 Legal/financial officer
				22			55 Guardian
				223			91 Other relative
				1,339			92 Other non-relative
HLPRAGE	16	3	AGEFMT		EN7		N Age of helper who lives with SP
				4,932			. Inapplicable
				6,786			0-999 Age in years

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?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				6,483			1 Yes
				5,234			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?
				160			1 Yes
				11,558			2 No
				NOTE: First available in 1992			
HLPRINS	23	2	YES1FMT		BK56, 57		N Helps SP w/ Medicare hlth ins decisions
				8,174			. Inapplicable
				1,208			1 Yes
				2,336			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if helper's roster number present [MCHIROST ne -1 (RIC BK)] First available in 1998			
HLPRTLE	25	2	YES1FMT		HS30a		N Helper who assists SP w/ the telephone
				556			. Inapplicable
				805			1 Yes
				10,357			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
				556			. Inapplicable
				2,284			1 Yes
				8,878			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
				556			. Inapplicable
				5,113			1 Yes
				6,049			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if HELPHHWK = 1 First available in 1992			
HLPRMEAL	31	2	YES1FMT		HS30d		N Helper who assists SP prepare meals
				556			. Inapplicable
				1,884			1 Yes
				9,278			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if HELPMEAL = 1 First available in 1992			
HLPRSHOP	33	2	YES1FMT		HS30e		N Helper who assists SP with shopping
				556			. Inapplicable
				2,919			1 Yes
				8,243			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if HELPSHOP = 1 First available in 1992			

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HLPRBILS	35	2	YES1FMT		HS30f		N Helper who assists SP manage money
				556			. Inapplicable
				1,720			1 Yes
				9,442			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if HELPBILS = 1 First available in 1992			
HLPRBATH	37	2	YES1FMT		HS35		N Helper who assists SP with bathing
				556			. Inapplicable
				1,522			1 Yes
				9,640			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if EQIPBATH = 1 First available in 1992			
HLPRDRES	39	2	YES1FMT		HS35		N Helper who assists SP with dressing
				556			. Inapplicable
				1,136			1 Yes
				10,026			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if EQIPDRES = 1 First available in 1992			
HLPREAT	41	2	YES1FMT		HS35		N Helper who assists SP with eating
				556			. Inapplicable
				320			1 Yes
				10,842			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if EQIPEAT = 1 First available in 1992			
HLPRCHAR	43	2	YES1FMT		HS35		N Helper who assists SP get in/out chairs
				556			. Inapplicable
				1,057			1 Yes
				10,105			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if EQIPCHAR = 1 First available in 1992			
HLPRWALK	45	2	YES1FMT		HS35		N Helper who assists SP with walking
				556			. Inapplicable
				1,374			1 Yes
				9,788			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if EQIPWALK = 1 First available in 1992			

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