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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
				14,155			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
BNKNCVR	12	2	KNWFMT		BN1		N Know about what services Medicare covers
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				52			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				2,162			1 Just about everything you need to know
				4,274			2 Most of what you need to know
				3,831			3 Some of what you need to know
				2,227			4 A little of what you need to know
				1,599			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
				96			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				2,839			1 Just about everything you need to know
				4,282			2 Most of what you need to know
				3,306			3 Some of what you need to know
				2,001			4 A little of what you need to know
				1,622			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
				123			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				2,287			1 Just about everything you need to know
				3,491			2 Most of what you need to know
				2,617			3 Some of what you need to know
				2,077			4 A little of what you need to know
				3,550			5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTE: First available in 1998

BNKNMCP	18	2	KNWFMT		BN4		N Know abt avail & bens-Mcare managed care
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				79			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				1,803			1 Just about everything you need to know
				2,127			2 Most of what you need to know
				2,140			3 Some of what you need to know
				2,175			4 A little of what you need to know
				5,822			5 Almost none of what you need to know

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BNKNCHDR	20	2	KNOWFMT			BN5	N Know abt choosing Dr/hlth care provider
					2		-9 Not Ascertained
					107		-8 Don't know
					7		-7 Refused
					4,148		1 Just about everything you need to know
					4,815		2 Most of what you need to know
					2,705		3 Some of what you need to know
					1,332		4 A little of what you need to know
					1,039		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
					56		-8 Don't know
					8		-7 Refused
					4,890		1 Just about everything you need to know
					5,910		2 Most of what you need to know
					2,336		3 Some of what you need to know
					673		4 A little of what you need to know
					280		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
					1		-9 Not Ascertained
					3		-8 Don't know
					12,635		-1 Inapplicable
					245		1 Just about everything you need to know
					343		2 Most of what you need to know
					340		3 Some of what you need to know
					292		4 A little of what you need to know
					296		5 Almost none of what you need to know

NOTES: Applies only if SP is covered by Medicaid
First available in 1998

BUYINPRG	26	2	YES1FMT			BN8	N Heard of Medicare buy-in programs
					1		-9 Not Ascertained
					13		-8 Don't Know
					2		-7 Refused
					10,073		-1 Inapplicable
					378		1 Yes
					3,688		2 No

NOTES: Asked only of SPs in new panels beginning in 2000.
First available in 1998

BUYINBEN	28	2	YES1FMT			BN9	N Aware of Medicare buy-in benefits
					10		-8 Don't Know
					10,454		-1 Inapplicable
					292		1 Yes
					3,399		2 No

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BNTOPIC1	30	2	BNTOPIC			BN10	N Topic most important to have info about
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				88			-8 Don't Know
				4			-7 Refused
				3,585			1 What services Medicare does/does not cov
				1,088			2 How much SP would pay for med services
				476			3 Supplemental of Medigap insurance
				456			4 Avail and benefits of Mcar Mngd care pla
				476			5 Choosing/Finding a Dr or other med prov
				1,107			6 Staying healthy
				204			7 Medicaid
				680			8 QMB, SLMB, QI, or buy-in plans
				5,989			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
				9,029			-1 Inapplicable
				647			1 What services Medicare does/does not cov
				1,856			2 How much SP would pay for med services
				508			3 Supplemental of Medigap insurance
				463			4 Avail and benefits of Mcar Mngd care pla
				532			5 Choosing/Finding a Dr or other med prov
				618			6 Staying healthy
				233			7 Medicaid
				269			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
				11,034			-1 Inapplicable
				322			1 What services Medicare does/does not cov
				431			2 How much SP would pay for med services
				456			3 Supplemental of Medigap insurance
				393			4 Avail and benefits of Mcar Mngd care pla
				426			5 Choosing/Finding a Dr or other med prov
				670			6 Staying healthy
				173			7 Medicaid
				250			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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BNGOCVR	36	2	BNGOSRC		BN11		N Source SP goes to 4 Mcare coverage info
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				184			-8 Don't Know
				5			-7 Refused
				567			1 Community civic org, sr ctr, or library
				3,192			2 Doctor or other medical provider
				5,213			3 Medicare programs/carrier, incl 800 no.
				558			4 A health insurance company or an HMO
				459			5 AARP or other senior citizens group
				737			6 Family/friends/caregivers
				156			91 Other specify
				3,082			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
				293			-8 Don't Know
				3			-7 Refused
				309			1 Community civic org, sr ctr, or library
				1,269			2 Doctor or other medical provider
				2,975			3 Medicare programs/carrier, incl 800 no.
				1,913			4 A health insurance company or an HMO
				382			5 AARP or other senior citizens group
				551			6 Family/friends/caregivers
				94			91 Other specify
				6,364			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
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				352			-8 Don't Know
				3			-7 Refused
				312			1 Community civic org, sr ctr, or library
				971			2 Doctor or other medical provider
				2,023			3 Medicare programs/carrier, incl 800 no.
				3,739			4 A health insurance company or an HMO
				765			5 AARP or other senior citizens group
				609			6 Family/friends/caregivers
				174			91 Other specify
				5,205			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
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				37			-8 Don't Know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,733			1 Indicated
				12,380			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPUPTALK	134	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare development info--talk w/ others
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				37			-8 Don't Know
				3			-7 Refused
				7,234			1 Indicated
				6,879			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPU PFONE	136	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare developments info from telephone
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				37			-8 Don't Know
				3			-7 Refused
				4,660			1 Indicated
				9,453			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPUPBROC	138	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare development info brochure/pamphlet
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				37			-8 Don't Know
				3			-7 Refused
				6,377			1 Indicated
				7,736			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPUPTVRD	140	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare developments info from TV or radio
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				37			-8 Don't Know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,827			1 Indicated
				11,286			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPUPNEWS	142	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare development info-- newsp/magazine
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				37			-8 Don't Know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,867			1 Indicated
				11,246			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998

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KPUPINET	144	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare developments info from internet
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				37			-8 Don't Know
				3			-7 Refused
				860			1 Indicated
				13,253			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPUPOTH	146	2	IND2FMT		BN14		N Mcare development info-- other specify
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				37			-8 Don't Know
				3			-7 Refused
				169			1 Indicated
				13,944			2 Not Indicated
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPUPOS	148	30			BN14		C Other source Mcare developments info
							NOTE: First available in 1998
KPUPBEST	178	2	KPUPBEST		BN15		N Most preferred source 4 keep up w/Mcare
				19			-8 Don't Know
				1,775			-1 Inapplicable
				5,615			1 Talk with someone face2face
				1,967			2 Use a telephone
				3,264			3 Read a brochure or pamphlet
				569			4 Watch on TV / Hear on radio
				543			5 Read newspaper or magazine
				293			6 Use the internet
				110			91 Other specified
							NOTES: Applies when SP has several preferred ways for keeping up with Medicare First available in 1998
BNCOLCAN	180	2	TRUE1FMT		BN16		N Mcare covers colorectal cancer screening
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				10,073			-1 Inapplicable
				2,043			1 True
				176			2 False
				1,862			3 Not sure
							NOTES: Asked only of SPs in new panels beginning in 2000. First available in 1998
BNMAMGRM	182	2	TRUE1FMT		BN17		N Mcare covers annual mammogram for women
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				10,073			-1 Inapplicable
				2,953			1 True
				172			2 False
				956			3 Not sure
							NOTES: Applies only to female SPs in new panels beginning in 2000 First available in 1998

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BNSUPMCP	184	2	TRUE1FMT		BN18		N Mgap/Suplement same Mcare manage care
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				10,073			-1 Inapplicable
				289			1 True
				1,747			2 False
				2,045			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
				1			-9 Not Ascertained
				10,073			-1 Inapplicable
				3,398			1 True
				133			2 False
				550			3 Not sure
NOTES: Asked only of SPs in new panels beginning in 2000. First available in 1998							
BNPAPWRK	188	2	BNPAPWRK		BN20		N SP handles Medicare paperwork
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				21			-8 Don't know
				8,065			1 SP does it himself or herself
				3,437			2 Someone else does it
				2,630			3 No one does it or there is no paperwork
NOTE: First available in 1999							
BNPWROST	190	2			BN21		C Person who helps SP w/ Mcare paperwork
NOTE: First available in 1999							
BNHAVCOM	192	2	YES2FMT		BN22		N SP has personal computer in home
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				8			-8 Don't Know
				3			-7 Refused
				3,674			1 Yes
				10,468			2 No
NOTE: First available in 1998							
BNHAVCAB	194	2	YES2FMT		BN23		N SP has cable TV in home
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				9			-8 Don't Know
				7			-7 Refused
				10,573			1 Yes
				3,564			2 No
NOTE: First available in 1998							

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BNHAVVCR	196	2	YES2FMT		BN24		N SP has VCR in home
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				16			-8 Don't Know
				6			-7 Refused
				10,691			1 Yes
				3,440			2 No
				NOTE: First available in 1998			
INETACCS	198	2	YESNONET		BN25		N SP has access 2 internet/oth online svc.
				2			-9 Not Ascertained
				19			-8 Don't Know
				3,759			1 Yes
				10,142			2 No
				233			3 Never heard of the internet
				NOTE: First available in 1998			
INETUSED	200	2	YES2FMT		BN26		N SP has used internet/other online svc.
				9			-8 Don't Know
				1			-7 Refused
				254			-1 Inapplicable
				2,822			1 Yes
				11,069			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if INETACCS = 1 or 2 First available in 1998			
INETMNTH	202	2	YES2FMT		BN27		N SP used internet/oth online svc last mos
				2			-8 Don't Know
				11,333			-1 Inapplicable
				1,917			1 Yes
				903			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if INETUSED = 1 First available in 1998			
INETYEAR	204	2	YES2FMT		BN28		N SP used internet/oth online--last 12 mos
				1			-8 Don't Know
				11,335			-1 Inapplicable
				2,308			1 Yes
				511			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if INETMNTH = 1 or 2 First available in 1998			
VISITWEB	206	2	YES2FMT		BN28a		N Has SP visited website for Medicare info
				19			-8 Don't Know
				11,333			-1 Inapplicable
				284			1 Yes
				2,519			2 No
				NOTES: Applies only if INETUSED = 1 First available in 1999			

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LIBRECNT	208	2	YES2FMT		BN30a		N Has SP used used library in past 12 mo
					1		-9 Not Ascertained
					18		-8 Don't Know
					1		-7 Refused
					3,680		1 Yes
					10,455		2 No

NOTE: First available in 1999

CTRRECNT	210	2	YES2FMT		BN33a		N Has SP used senior center in past 12 mo
					1		-9 Not Ascertained
					16		-8 Don't Know
					1		-7 Refused
					2,060		1 Yes
					12,077		2 No

NOTE: First available in 1999