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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
				10,181			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
HLPRNUM	12	2					C Helper Identification Number
HLPRREL	14	2	RELFMT				N Relationship of Helper to SP
				1			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample person
				3,369			2 Spouse
				875			3 Son
				1,977			4 Daughter
				95			5 Brother
				295			6 Sister
				98			7 Father
				410			8 Mother
				87			9 Son-in-law
				214			10 Daughter-in-law
				123			11 Grandson
				205			12 Granddaughter
				38			13 Nephew
				139			14 Niece
				128			50 Partner/roommate
				582			51 Friend/neighbor
				6			52 Boarder
				234			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				25			54 Legal/financial officer
				11			55 Guardian
				173			91 Other relative
				1,095			92 Other non-relative
HLPRAGE	16	3	AGE2FMT		EN7		N Age of helper
				4,381			. Inapplicable
				5,800			Age in years

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

LIVewith	19	2	YES1FMT		IN7		N Does helper live with SP?
				5,709			1 Yes
				4,472			2 No

Notes: Based on residence of helper as of the fall round.  
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HCPROF	21	2	YES1FMT			HH1	N Is helper a health care professional?
					343		1 Yes
					9,838		2 No
					Note: First available in 1992		
HLPRTLE	23	2	YES1FMT			HFK4a	N Helper who assists SP w/ the telephone
					823		1 Yes
					9,358		2 No
					Notes: Applies only if HELPTLE = 1		
					First available in 1992		
HLPRLHWK	25	2	YES1FMT			HFK4b	N Helper who assists SP w/ light housework
					2,140		1 Yes
					8,041		2 No
					Notes: Applies only if HELPLHWK = 1		
					First available in 1992		
HLPRHWWK	27	2	YES1FMT			HFK4c	N Helper who assists SP w/ heavy housework
					4,634		1 Yes
					5,547		2 No
					Notes: Applies only if HELPHWWK = 1		
					First available in 1992		
HLPMEAL	29	2	YES1FMT			HFK4d	N Helper who assists SP prepare meals
					1,709		1 Yes
					8,472		2 No
					Notes: Applies only if HELPMEAL = 1		
					First available in 1992		
HLPESHOP	31	2	YES1FMT			HFK4e	N Helper who assists SP with shopping
					2,580		1 Yes
					7,601		2 No
					Notes: Applies only if HELPSHOP = 1		
					First available in 1992		
HLPBILS	33	2	YES1FMT			HFK4f	N Helper who assists SP manage money
					1,509		1 Yes
					8,672		2 No
					Notes: Applies only if HELPBILS = 1		
					First available in 1992		

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HLPRBATH	35	2	YES1FMT			HFL9a	N Helper who assists SP with bathing
				1,548			1 Yes
				8,633			2 No
Notes: Applies only if EQIPBATH = 1 First available in 1992							
HLPRDRES	37	2	YES1FMT			HFL9b	N Helper who assists SP with dressing
				1,187			1 Yes
				8,994			2 No
Notes: Applies only if EQIPDRES = 1 First available in 1992							
HLPREAT	39	2	YES1FMT			HFL9c	N Helper who assists SP with eating
				336			1 Yes
				9,845			2 No
Notes: Applies only if EQIPEAT = 1 First available in 1992							
HLPRCHAR	41	2	YES1FMT			HFL9d	N Helper who assists SP get in/out chairs
				1,202			1 Yes
				8,979			2 No
Notes: Applies only if EQIPCHAR = 1 First available in 1992							
HLPRWALK	43	2	YES1FMT			HFL9e	N Helper who assists SP with walking
				1,529			1 Yes
				8,652			2 No
Notes: Applies only if EQIPWALK = 1 First available in 1992							
HLPRTOIL	45	2	YES1FMT			HFL9f	N Helper who assists SP with using toilet
				635			1 Yes
				9,546			2 No
Notes: Applies only if EQIPTOIL = 1 First available in 1992							
HLPRUSGO	47	2	YES1FMT			US11	N Helper who usually goes with SP to Dr
				5,838			1 Yes
				4,343			2 No
Notes: Applies only if someone usually accompanies SP [ACCOMPUS=1 (RIC 3)] First available in 1992							

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USREMAIN	49	2	REMFMT				N Does helper remain with you at Dr
				3			-8 Don't know
				4,343			-1 Inapplicable
				3,238			1 Yes always
				1,441			2 No Never
				1,156			3 Sometimes

Notes: Applies only if someone usually accompanies SP [ACCOMPUS=1 (RIC 3)]  
First available in 2001