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MEDICARE CURRENT BENEFICIARY SURVEY
 Health Status & Functioning -- Community

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The Survey Health Status and Functioning file includes data about the sample person's health including height and weight, self-assessments of vision and hearing, history of medical conditions, functioning, among others.

From 1991 through 1996, this file contained one record for each person who completed an interview whether in the community or facility. This changed in 1997 when the facility instrument was converted to a Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing format. Since then, this file contains data from community interviews only; RIC 2F contains similar data from facility interviews.

RIC	1	2			C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1			C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT		C Unique SP Identification Number
			14,500		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
GENHELTH	12	2	GENHFMT	HFA1	N General hlth compare to others same age
			37		-8 Don't know
			6		-7 Refused
			2,130		1 Excellent
			3,693		2 Very good
			4,590		3 Good
			2,754		4 Fair
			1,290		5 Poor
COMPHLTH	14	2	COMPFMT	HFA2	N Health compared to one year ago
			15		-8 Don't know
			7		-7 Refused
			583		1 Much better
			1,558		2 Somewhat better
			8,921		3 About the same
			2,941		4 Somewhat worse
			475		5 Much worse
Note: First available in 1996					
HELMTACT	16	2	TIMEFMT	HFA3	N Hlth limits social activity in past mo
			24		-8 Don't know
			7		-7 Refused
			8,865		1 None of the time
			3,291		2 Some of the time
			1,446		3 Most of the time
			867		4 All of the time
ECHHELP	18	2	BLNDFMT	HFB1	N SP wear eyeglasses/contact lenses
			2		-8 Don't know
			5		-7 Refused
			12,477		1 Yes
			1,933		2 No
			83		3 Blind

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ECTROUB	20	2	LOOK2FMT			HFB2	N Description of SP vision
				90			. Inapplicable
				29			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				9,982			1 No trouble seeing
				3,405			2 A little trouble seeing
				931			3 A lot of trouble seeing
				61			4 No usable vision
				Note: Applies only if ECHELP = 1 or 2			
EINTROUB	22	2	LOOKFMT			HFB3	N Difficulty reading Rx instructions/label
				10,020			. Inapplicable
				21			-8 Don't know
				2,358			1 No trouble
				1,334			2 Little trouble
				767			3 Lot of trouble
				Notes: Applies only if ECTROUB = 2, 3, or 4 First available in 2002			
EMCTROUB	24	2	LOOKFMT			HFB4	N Difficulty finding out about Medicare
				10,020			. Inapplicable
				31			-8 Don't know
				2,968			1 No trouble
				946			2 Little trouble
				535			3 Lot of trouble
				Notes: Applies only if ECTROUB = 2, 3, or 4 First available in 2002			
EOBTROUB	26	2	LOOKFMT			HFB5	N Difficulty getting medical care
				10,020			. Inapplicable
				14			-8 Don't know
				3,328			1 No trouble
				759			2 Little trouble
				379			3 Lot of trouble
				Notes: Applies only if ECTROUB = 2, 3, or 4 First available in 2002			
EDOCEXAM	28	2	YES2FMT			HFB6	N SP had eye exam w/ eye doctor n past yr
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				91			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				8,592			1 Yes
				5,809			2 No
				Note: First available in 2002			

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EDOCLAST 30 2 LASTFMT HFB7 N How long since last exam by eye doctor
 8,691 . Inapplicable
 138 -8 Don't know
 97 1 Never had an eye exam
 2,676 2 1 year to less than 2 years
 1,891 3 2 years to less than 5 years
 1,007 4 5 years or more

Notes: Applies only if EDOCEXAM = 2
 First available in 2002

ECCATOP 32 2 YES1FMT HFB10 N SP ever had operation for cataracts
 18 . Inapplicable
 21 -8 Don't know
 4,101 1 Yes
 10,360 2 No

Note: Applies to new panel SPs who are not blind; in 2002, asked of blind also

HCHELP 34 2 DEAFFMT HFC1 N Does SP use hearing aid
 2 -8 Don't know
 5 -7 Refused
 1,546 1 Yes
 12,916 2 No
 31 3 Deaf

HCTROUB 36 2 DEAF2FMT HFC2 N Description of SP hearing
 38 . Missing
 10 -8 Don't know
 9,687 1 No trouble hearing
 3,862 2 A little trouble hearing
 874 3 A lot of trouble hearing
 29 4 Deaf

Note: Applies only if HCHELP = 1 or 2

HCKNOWMC 38 2 LOOKFMT HFC3 N How diff to find Medicare info due to he
 9,704 . Inapplicable
 2 -9 Not ascertained
 19 -8 Don't know
 1 -7 Refused
 3,618 1 No trouble
 904 2 Little trouble
 252 3 Lot of trouble

Notes: Applies only if HCHELP = 3 or HCTROUB = 2, 3, or 4
 First available in 2002

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
HCCOMDOC	40	2	LOOKFMT			HFC4	N Trouble communicating with Dr. due to he
				9,704			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,582			1 No trouble
				956			2 Little trouble
				245			3 Lot of trouble
Notes: Applies only if HCHELP = 3 or HCTROUB = 2, 3, or 4 First available in 2002							
DCTROUB	42	2	YES2FMT			HFD1	N SP have difficulty eating solid foods
				6			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,654			1 Yes
				12,835			2 No
HEIGHTFT	44	2	HEITFMT			HFE1	N Height of SP--feet
				28			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				14,471			Height in feet
HEIGHTIN	46	2	INCHFMT			HFE1	N Height of SP--inches
				68			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				14,431			0-11 Inch portion of height
WEIGHT	48	3	WEITFMT			HFE2	N Weight of SP in pounds
				341			-8 Don't know
				103			-7 Refused
				1			0-50 0-50 Pounds
				333			51-100 51-100 Pounds
				5,078			101-150 101-150 Pounds
				6,235			151-200 151-200 Pounds
				1,942			201-250 201-250 Pounds
				375			251-300 251-300 Pounds
				58			301-350 301-350 Pounds
				21			351-400 351-400 Pounds
				13			Over 400 Pounds
BPTAKEN	51	2	BPTAKE			HFF1	N Most recent time SP's blood pressure tak
				79			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				12,624			1 Less than 6 months ago
				1,085			2 6 months to 1 year ago
				393			3 1 year to less than 2 years ago
				187			4 2 years to less than 5 years ago
				118			5 5 or more years ago
				9			6 Never had blood pressure taken

Note: First available in 2001

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BCTAKEN 53 2 BPTAKE HFF2 N Last time SP's blood cholesterol taken
 765 -8 Don't know
 5 -7 Refused
 9,028 1 Less than 6 months ago
 2,706 2 6 months to 1 year ago
 935 3 1 year to less than 2 years ago
 401 4 2 years to less than 5 years ago
 241 5 5 or more years ago
 419 6 Never had blood pressure taken

Note: First available in 2001

MAMMOGRM 55 2 YES1FMT HFF3 N Had mammogram/breast X-ray in last yr
 6,470 . Inapplicable
 64 -8 Don't know
 3 -7 Refused
 4,055 1 Yes
 3,908 2 No

Note: Inapplicable if SP is male

PAPSMEAR 57 2 YES1FMT HFF6 N SP had Pap smear in last year
 6,470 . Inapplicable
 115 -8 Don't know
 5 -7 Refused
 2,885 1 Yes
 5,025 2 No

Note: Inapplicable if SP is male

HYSTEREC 59 2 YES1FMT HFF9 N SP ever had hysterectomy
 7,332 . Inapplicable
 36 -8 Don't know
 3 -7 Refused
 2,552 1 Yes
 4,577 2 No

Note: Applies to females in supplemental sample or where PAPHYST = 2

PROSSURG 61 2 YES1FMT HFF10 N Had prostate surgery in last year?
 8,641 . Inapplicable
 19 -8 Don't know
 4 -7 Refused
 395 1 Yes
 5,441 2 No

Notes: Applies to male SPs who never reported having prostate surgery
 First available in 2002

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DIGTEXAM	63	2	YES1FMT	HFF11			N SP had digital rectal prostate exam
				8,030			. Inapplicable
				131			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				2,783			1 Yes
				3,548			2 No
Notes: Applies to male SPs who never reported having prostate surgery First available in 1998							
BLOODTST	65	2	YES1FMT	HFF12			N SP had blood test for prostate cancer
				8,030			. Inapplicable
				384			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				4,019			1 Yes
				2,060			2 No
Notes: Applies to male SPs who never reported having prostate surgery First available in 1998							
FLUSHOT	67	2	YES2FMT	HFF15			N SP have flu shot for last winter
				82			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				9,976			1 Yes
				4,435			2 No
FLUSPRAY	69	2	YES2FMT	HFF15			N Did SP have a fluspray vaccine
				10,065			. Missing
				2			-8 Don't know
				21			1 Yes
				4,412			2 No
Notes: Applies if FLUSHOT = 2 First available in 2004							
PNEUSHOT	71	2	YES2FMT	HFF22			N SP ever have shot for pneumonia?
				212			-8 Don't know
				9,298			1 Yes
				4,990			2 No
EVERSMOK	73	2	YES2FMT	HFF1			N SP ever smoked cigarettes/cigars/tobacco
				4			-8 Don't know
				8,468			1 Yes
				6,028			2 No

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SMOKNOW	75	2	YES5FMT			HFH2	N Does SP smoke now?
				6,032			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,121			1 Yes
				6,341			2 No
				0			3 Yes, but originally No
				0			4 No, but originally Yes
Note: Inapplicable if EVERSMOK = 2							
DIFSTOOP	77	2	DIF2FMT			HFH1	N Difficulty stooping/crouching/kneeling
				3			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				4,084			1 No Difficulty
				3,214			2 Little Difficulty
				2,621			3 Some Difficulty
				2,816			4 Lot of Difficulty
				1,754			5 Unable to do it
DIFLIFT	79	2	DIF2FMT			HFH2	N Difficulty lifting/carrying 10 pounds
				13			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				8,548			1 No Difficulty
				1,904			2 Little Difficulty
				1,373			3 Some Difficulty
				1,214			4 Lot of Difficulty
				1,441			5 Unable to do it
DIFREACH	81	2	DIF2FMT			HFH3	N Difficulty extending arms above shoulder
				8			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				10,110			1 No Difficulty
				1,694			2 Little Difficulty
				1,205			3 Some Difficulty
				921			4 Lot of Difficulty
				554			5 Unable to do it
DIFWRITE	83	2	DIF2FMT			HFH4	N Difficulty writing/handling object
				8			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				10,269			1 No Difficulty
				2,095			2 Little Difficulty
				1,181			3 Some Difficulty
				722			4 Lot of Difficulty
				217			5 Unable to do it
DIFWALK	85	2	DIF2FMT			HFH5	N Difficulty walking 1/4 mile or 2-3 blocks
				37			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				7,145			1 No Difficulty
				1,748			2 Little Difficulty
				1,472			3 Some Difficulty
				1,486			4 Lot of Difficulty
				2,604			5 Unable to do it

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OCARTERY	87	2	YES2FMT			HFJ1	N Ever told had hardening of arteries
				38			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,341			1 Yes
				13,119			2 No
OCHBP	89	2	YES5FMT			HFJ2	N Ever told had hypertension/hi blood pres
				13			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				8,752			1 Yes
				5,734			2 No
				0			3 Yes, but originally No
				0			4 No, but originally Yes
D_HBP	91	2	YES5FMT			HFJ3	N Had high blood pressure since year ago?
				39			-8 Don't know
				10			-7 Refused
				7,015			1 Yes
				7,436			2 No
				0			3 Yes, but originally No
				0			4 No, but originally Yes
Note: First available in 2001							
OCMYOCAR	93	2	YES2FMT			HFJ4	N Ever told had myocard infarct/hrt attack
				17			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,041			1 Yes
				12,441			2 No
D_MYOCAR	95	2	YES1FMT			HFJ5	N Had myocardial infarc. since year ago?
				35			-8 Don't know
				9			-7 Refused
				323			1 Yes
				14,133			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCCHD	97	2	YES2FMT			HFJ6	N Ever told had angina pectoris/CHD
				33			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,681			1 Yes
				12,785			2 No
D_CHD	99	2	YES1FMT			HFJ7	N Had coronary heart dis. since year ago?
				61			-8 Don't know
				9			-7 Refused
				518			1 Yes
				13,912			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							

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OCOTHHRT 101 2 YES2FMT HFJ14 N Ever told had other heart conditions
 29 -8 Don't know
 2 -7 Refused
 976 1 Yes
 13,493 2 No

Notes: See OCOTHART for similar data in 1991-1999
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D_OTHHRT 103 2 YES1FMT HFJ15 N Had other heart cond. since year ago?
 1 -9 Not ascertained
 46 -8 Don't know
 9 -7 Refused
 415 1 Yes
 14,029 2 No

Note: First available in 2001

OCCFAIL 105 2 YES2FMT HFJ8 N Ever told had heart failure
 29 -8 Don't know
 2 -7 Refused
 801 1 Yes
 13,668 2 No

Note: First available in 2003

D_CFAIL 107 2 YES1FMT HFJ9 N Had hart failure since year ago?
 53 -8 Don't know
 9 -7 Refused
 388 1 Yes
 14,050 2 No

Note: First available in 2001

OCCVALVE 109 2 YES2FMT HFJ10 N Ever told had problems with valves
 45 -8 Don't know
 2 -7 Refused
 982 1 Yes
 13,471 2 No

Note: First available in 2003

D_VALVE 111 2 YES1FMT HFJ11 N Had prbs with valves since year ago?
 81 -8 Don't know
 9 -7 Refused
 386 1 Yes
 14,024 2 No

Note: First available in 2001

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
OCRHYTHM	113	2	YES2FMT			HFJ12	N Ever told had prbs w/ heart rhythm
				39			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,215			1 Yes
				12,244			2 No
Note: First available in 2003							
D_RHYTHM	115	2	YES1FMT			HFJ13	N Had prbs w/ heart rhythm since year ago?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				84			-8 Don't know
				9			-7 Refused
				1,129			1 Yes
				13,276			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCSTROKE	117	2	YES2FMT			HFJ16	N Ever told had stroke/brain hemorrhage
				16			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,698			1 Yes
				12,785			2 No
D_STROKE	119	2	YES1FMT			HFJ17	N Had stroke/brain hemmor. since yr ago?
				30			-8 Don't know
				9			-7 Refused
				339			1 Yes
				14,122			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCCSKIN	121	2	YES2FMT			HFJ18	N Ever told had skin cancer
				7			-8 Don't know
				2,604			1 Yes
				11,889			2 No
D_CSKIN	123	2	YES1FMT			HFJ19	N Had skin cancer since year ago?
				20			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				841			1 Yes
				13,631			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCCANCER	125	2	YES2FMT			HFJ20	N Ever told had other (non-skin) cancer
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,503			1 Yes
				11,992			2 No

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
D_CANCER	127	2	YES1FMT	HFJ21			N Had any cancer since year ago?
				10			-8 Don't know
				9			-7 Refused
				506			1 Yes
				13,975			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCCLUNG	129	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--lung
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				134			1 Yes
				2,368			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCCOLON	131	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body prt w/cancer--colon/bowel/rectum
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				339			1 Yes
				2,163			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCBREST	133	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--breast
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				651			1 Yes
				1,851			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCUTER	135	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--uterus
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				232			1 Yes
				2,270			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCPROST	137	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--prostate
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				515			1 Yes
				1,987			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							

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OCCBLAD	139	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--bladder
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				110			1 Yes
				2,392			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCOVARY	141	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--ovary
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				100			1 Yes
				2,402			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCSTOM	143	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--stomach
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				67			1 Yes
				2,435			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCCERVX	145	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--cervix
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				95			1 Yes
				2,407			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCKIDNY	147	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--kidney
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				62			1 Yes
				2,440			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCBRAIN	149	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--brain
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				35			1 Yes
				2,467			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCTHROA	151	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--throat
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				76			1 Yes
				2,426			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
OCCBACK	153	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--back
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				30			1 Yes
				2,472			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCHEAD	155	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--head
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				35			1 Yes
				2,467			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCFONEC	157	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--female organs
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				19			1 Yes
				2,483			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCOTHER	159	2	YES1FMT	HFJ22			N Body part w/cancer--other
				11,997			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				403			1 Yes
				2,099			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCBETES	161	2	YES2FMT	HFJ41A			N Ever told had diabetes
				16			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				2,978			1 Yes
				11,498			2 No
				Note: First available in 2004			
OCDTYPE	163	2	DIAB2FMT	HFJ41B			N Type of diabetes diagnosed
				11,522			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				64			-8 Don't know
				380			1 Type 1: insulin dependent, juv-onset
				1,991			2 Type 2: non-insulin depend, adult-onset
				440			3 Borderline
				50			4 Pre-diabetes
				21			5 Gestational (pregnancy-related)
				31			91 Other type of diabetes

Notes: Applies if SP was ever told he/she had diabetes (OCBETES = 1).
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OCDVISIT	165	2	YES1FMT			HFJ41C	N Was SP Told on 1+ visits they had diabet
				11,522			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				19			-8 Don't know
				2,594			1 Yes
				364			2 No

Notes: Applies if SP was ever told he/she had diabetes (OCBETES = 1).
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OCARTHRH	167	2	YES2FMT			HFJ24	N Ever told had rheumatoid arthritis
				29			-8 Don't know
				1,683			1 Yes
				12,788			2 No

OCARTH	169	2	YES2FMT			HFJ25	N Ever told had non-rheumatoid arthritis
				26			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				7,979			1 Yes
				6,494			2 No

D_ARTHRD	171	2	YES1FMT			HFJ26	N Had non-rheumatoid arth since year ago?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				45			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				4,245			1 Yes
				10,202			2 No

Note: First available in 2001

OCAARM	173	2	YES1FMT			HFJ27	N Body part w/arthritis-arm/hand/shoulder
				6,521			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				4,563			1 Yes
				3,410			2 No

Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1

OCAFEET	175	2	YES1FMT			HFJ27	N Body part w/arthritis-hip/knee/feet/leg
				6,521			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				4,764			1 Yes
				3,209			2 No

Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
OCABACK	177	2	YES1FMT		HFJ27		N Body part w/had arthritis-back
				6,521			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				2,752			1 Yes
				5,221			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			
OCANECK	179	2	YES1FMT		HFJ27		N Body part w/arthritis-neck
				6,521			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				1,120			1 Yes
				6,853			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			
OCAALOVR	181	2	YES1FMT		HFJ27		N Body part w/arthritis-all over/joints
				6,521			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				1,542			1 Yes
				6,431			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			
OCAOTHER	183	2	YES1FMT		HFJ27		N Body part w/arthritis-other
				6,521			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				57			1 Yes
				7,916			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			
OCMENTAL	185	2	YES2FMT		HFJ28		N Ever told had mental retardation
				10			. Missing
				13			-8 Don't know
				366			1 Yes
				14,111			2 No
OCALZHMR	187	2	YES2FMT		HFJ29		N Ever told had Alzheimer's/dementia
				5			-8 Don't know
				488			1 Yes
				14,007			2 No
OCPSYCH	189	2	YES2FMT		HFJ30		N Ever told had mental/psychiatric disord
				6			-8 Don't know
				2,988			1 Yes
				11,506			2 No

Note: After 1999, 'including depression' was added.

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
D_PSYCH	191	2	YES1FMT	HFJ31			N Had psychiatric probs since yr ago?
				8			-9 Not ascertained
				20			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				1,747			1 Yes
				12,717			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCOSTEOP	193	2	YES2FMT	HFJ32			N Ever told had osteoporosis/soft bones
				31			-8 Don't know
				2,696			1 Yes
				11,773			2 No
OCBRKHIP	195	2	YES2FMT	HFJ33			N Ever told had broken hip
				5			-8 Don't know
				552			1 Yes
				13,943			2 No
D_BRKHIP	197	2	YES1FMT	HFJ34			N Had broken hip since year ago?
				7			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				105			1 Yes
				14,380			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							
OCPARKIN	199	2	YES2FMT	HFJ35			N Ever told had Parkinson's disease
				6			-8 Don't know
				184			1 Yes
				14,310			2 No
OCEMPHYS	201	2	YES2FMT	HFJ36			N Ever told had emphysema/asthma/COPD
				8			-8 Don't know
				2,319			1 Yes
				12,173			2 No
OCPPARAL	203	2	YES2FMT	HFJ37			N Ever told had complete/partial paralysis
				5			-8 Don't know
				675			1 Yes
				13,820			2 No
D_PPARAL	205	2	YES1FMT	HFJ38			N Had paralysis since year ago?
				11			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				241			1 Yes
				14,240			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							

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OCAMPUTE	207	2	YES2FMT			HFJ39	N Ever lost an arm or leg
				2			-8 Don't know
				202			1 Yes
				14,296			2 No
HAVEPROS	209	2	YES1FMT			HFJ40	N SP ever been told: Enlarged prostate/BPH
				8,030			. Inapplicable
				37			-8 Don't know
				2,043			1 Yes
				4,390			2 No

Notes: Inapplicable if SP is female
First available in 1999

D_PROST	211	2	YES1FMT			HFJ41	N Had prostate probs since year ago?
				8,030			. Inapplicable
				91			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				957			1 Yes
				5,417			2 No

Note: First available in 2001

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EMCAUSC1	213	2	CAUSFMT			HFJ43	N 1st cause of Medicare eligibility
				11,919			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				11			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				241			1 Back/spine/disc
				51			2 Severe eyesight loss
				26			3 Severe hearing loss
				60			4 Kidney/renal failure
				42			5 Seizure disorder
				41			6 Car/bike/train accident
				37			7 Multiple sclerosis
				9			8 Muscular dystrophy
				20			9 Cerebral palsy
				18			10 Broken bones
				12			11 Hardening of the arteries
				99			12 High blood pressure
				52			13 Myocardial infarction
				26			14 Angina pectoris
				5			15 Other heart condition
				102			16 Stroke
				2			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				55			18 Cancer or tumor
				51			19 Diabetes
				85			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				125			21 Other arthritis
				268			22 Mental retardation
				5			23 Alzheimer's disease
				514			24 Mental disorder
				8			25 Osteoporosis
				6			26 Broken hip
				6			27 Parkinson's disease
				55			28 Emphysema or asthma
				71			29 Partial paralysis
				15			30 Loss of limb
				10			31 Cong heart failure
				3			32 Probs w/ hrt valves
				35			33 Heartbeat rhythm
				0			65 Gained entitlement at 65
				412			91 Other

Note: Applies if SP is under age 65 at the time of the initial MCBS interview

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
EMCAUSC2	215	2	CAUSFMT			HFJ43	N 2nd cause of Medicare eligibility
				12,919			. Inapplicable
				16			1 Back/spine/disc
				2			2 Severe eyesight loss
				5			3 Severe hearing loss
				1			4 Kidney/renal failure
				4			5 Seizure disorder
				5			6 Car/bike/train accident
				1			7 Multiple sclerosis
				0			8 Muscular dystrophy
				2			9 Cerebral palsy
				2			10 Broken bones
				0			11 Hardening of the arteries
				5			12 High blood pressure
				9			13 Myocardial infarction
				20			14 Angina pectoris
				11			15 Other heart condition
				114			16 Stroke
				2			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				58			18 Cancer or tumor
				61			19 Diabetes
				96			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				142			21 Other arthritis
				270			22 Mental retardation
				5			23 Alzheimer's disease
				526			24 Mental disorder
				9			25 Osteoporosis
				7			26 Broken hip
				6			27 Parkinson's disease
				57			28 Emphysema or asthma
				73			29 Partial paralysis
				16			30 Loss of limb
				15			31 Cong heart failure
				4			32 Probs w/ hrt valves
				0			33 Heartbeat rhythm
				0			65 Gained entitlement at 65
				37			91 Other

Note: Applies only if SP has more than one cause for Medicare eligibility

PRBTELE	217	2	ADL2FMT			HFK1a	N Any difficulty using telephone
				1			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				972			1 Yes
				13,248			2 No
				271			3 Doesn't Do
PRBLHWK	219	2	ADL2FMT			HFK1b	N Any difficulty doing light housework
				8			-7 Refused
				1,440			1 Yes
				11,867			2 No
				1,185			3 Doesn't Do

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
PRBHHWK	221	2	ADL2FMT			HFK1c	N Any difficulty doing heavy housework
				4			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				3,375			1 Yes
				8,241			2 No
				2,872			3 Doesn't Do
PRBMEAL	223	2	ADL2FMT			HFK1d	N Any difficulty preparing meals
				2			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				1,145			1 Yes
				12,013			2 No
				1,332			3 Doesn't Do
PRBSHOP	225	2	ADL2FMT			HFK1e	N Any difficulty shopping
				1			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				1,743			1 Yes
				11,683			2 No
				1,065			3 Doesn't Do
PRBBILS	227	2	ADL2FMT			HFK1f	N Any difficulty with managing money
				2			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				995			1 Yes
				12,523			2 No
				972			3 Doesn't Do
DONTTELE	229	2	YES1FMT			HFK2a	N Don't use telephone b/c health prob
				14,229			. Inapplicable
				215			1 Yes
				56			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBTELE = 3			
DONTLHWK	231	2	YES1FMT			HFK2b	N Don't do light housewrk b/c health prob
				13,315			. Inapplicable
				723			1 Yes
				462			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBLHWK = 3			
DONTHHWK	233	2	YES1FMT			HFK2c	N Don't do heavy housewrk b/c health prob
				11,628			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				1,877			1 Yes
				990			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBHHWK = 3			

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
DONTMEAL	235	2	YES1FMT	HFK2d			N Don't prepare meals b/c health prob
				13,168			. Inapplicable
				620			1 Yes
				712			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 3			
DONTSHOP	237	2	YES1FMT	HFK2e			N Don't do shopping b/c health prob
				13,435			. Inapplicable
				818			1 Yes
				247			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 3			
DONTBILS	239	2	YES1FMT	HFK2f			N Don't manage money b/c health prob
				13,528			. Inapplicable
				592			1 Yes
				380			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBBILS = 3			
HELPTELE	241	2	YES1FMT	HFK3a			N Receive help w/ telephone
				13,313			. Inapplicable
				661			1 Yes
				526			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBTELE = 1 or DONTTELE = 1			
HELPLHWK	243	2	YES1FMT	HFK3b			N Receive help w/ light housework
				12,337			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,824			1 Yes
				338			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBLHWK = 1 or DONTLHWK = 1			
HELPHHWK	245	2	YES1FMT	HFK3c			N Receive help w/ heavy housework
				9,248			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				4,144			1 Yes
				1,104			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBHHWK = 1 or DONTTHWK = 1			
HELPMEAL	247	2	YES1FMT	HFK3d			N Receive help w/ preparing meals
				12,735			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,472			1 Yes
				292			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 1 or DONTMEAL = 1			

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
HELPSHOP	249	2	YES1FMT		HFK3e		N Receive help w/ shopping
				11,939			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				2,261			1 Yes
				299			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 1 or DONTSHOP = 1							
HELPBILS	251	2	YES1FMT		HFK3f		N Receive help w/ managing money
				12,913			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1,433			1 Yes
				152			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBBILS = 1 or DONTBILS = 1							
HPPDBATH	253	2	ADL2FMT		HFL1a		N Any difficulty bathing/showering
				2			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				1,660			1 Yes
				12,752			2 No
				78			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDDRES	255	2	ADL2FMT		HFL1b		N Any difficulty dressing
				8			-7 Refused
				1,134			1 Yes
				13,308			2 No
				50			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDEAT	257	2	ADL2FMT		HFL1c		N Any difficulty eating
				8			-7 Refused
				420			1 Yes
				14,051			2 No
				21			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDCHAR	259	2	ADL2FMT		HFL1d		N Any difficulty get in/out of bed/chair
				3			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				2,037			1 Yes
				12,400			2 No
				52			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDWALK	261	2	ADL2FMT		HFL1e		N Any difficulty walking
				3			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				3,729			1 Yes
				10,526			2 No
				234			3 Doesn't Do

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HPPDTOIL	263	2	ADL2FMT	HFL1f			N Any difficulty using the toilet
				4			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				836			1 Yes
				13,608			2 No
				44			3 Doesn't Do
DONTBATH	265	2	YES1FMT	HFL2a			N Don't bathe/shower b/c health prob
				14,422			. Inapplicable
				72			1 Yes
				6			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 3 First available in 1992			
DONTDRES	267	2	YES1FMT	HFL2b			N Don't dress b/c health prob
				14,450			. Inapplicable
				49			1 Yes
				1			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 3 First available in 1992			
DONTEAT	269	2	YES1FMT	HFL2c			N Don't eat b/c health prob
				14,479			. Inapplicable
				21			1 Yes
				0			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 3 First available in 1992			
DONTCHAR	271	2	YES1FMT	HFL2d			N Don't get in/out bed/chair b/c hlth prob
				14,448			. Inapplicable
				52			1 Yes
				0			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 3 First available in 1992			
DONTWALK	273	2	YES1FMT	HFL2e			N Don't walk b/c health prob
				14,266			. Inapplicable
				231			1 Yes
				3			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 3 First available in 1992			
DONTTOIL	275	2	YES1FMT	HFL2f			N Don't use toilet b/c health prob
				14,456			. Inapplicable
				44			1 Yes
				0			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 3 First available in 1992			

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HELPPATH	277	2	YES1FMT	HFL3a			N Receive help w/ bathing/showering
				12,768			. Inapplicable
				999			1 Yes
				733			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 1 or DONTBATH = 1			
HELPPDRES	279	2	YES1FMT	HFL3b			N Receive help w/ dressing
				13,317			. Inapplicable
				793			1 Yes
				390			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 1 or DONTDRES = 1			
HELPEAT	281	2	YES1FMT	HFL3c			N Receive help w/ eating
				14,059			. Inapplicable
				168			1 Yes
				273			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 1 or DONTTEAT = 1			
HELPCCHAR	283	2	YES1FMT	HFL3d			N Receive help w/ get in/out of bed/chair
				12,411			. Inapplicable
				702			1 Yes
				1,387			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 1 or DONTCHAR = 1			
HELPPWALK	285	2	YES1FMT	HFL3e			N Receive help w/ walking
				10,540			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				746			1 Yes
				3,213			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 1 or DONTWALK = 1			
HELPTOIL	287	2	YES1FMT	HFL3f			N Receive help w/ using toilet
				13,620			. Inapplicable
				330			1 Yes
				550			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 1 or DONTTOIL = 1			
PCHKBATH	289	2	YES1FMT	HFL4a			N Person nearby while bathing/showering
				13,767			. Inapplicable
				160			1 Yes
				573			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPBATH = 2			

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
PCHKDRES	291	2	YES1FMT	HFL4b			N Person nearby while dressing
				14,110			. Inapplicable
				55			1 Yes
				335			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPDRES = 2			
PCKHEAT	293	2	YES1FMT	HFL4c			N Person nearby while eating
				14,227			. Inapplicable
				52			1 Yes
				221			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPEAT = 2			
PCHKCHAR	295	2	YES1FMT	HFL4d			N Person nearby when get in/out bed/chair
				13,113			. Inapplicable
				149			1 Yes
				1,238			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPCHAR = 2			
PCHKWALK	297	2	YES1FMT	HFL4e			N Person nearby while walking
				11,286			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				371			1 Yes
				2,842			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPWALK = 2			
PCHKTOIL	299	2	YES1FMT	HFL4f			N Person nearby while using toilet
				13,950			. Inapplicable
				95			1 Yes
				455			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPTOIL = 2			
EQIPBATH	301	2	YES1FMT	HFL5a			N Use equipment to help bathe/shower
				12,768			. Inapplicable
				957			1 Yes
				775			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 1 or DONTBATH = 1			
EQIPDRES	303	2	YES1FMT	HFL5b			N Use equipment to help dress
				13,317			. Inapplicable
				162			1 Yes
				1,021			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 1 or DONTDRES = 1			

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
EQIPEAT	305	2	YES1FMT	HFL5c			N Use equipment to help eat
				14,059			. Inapplicable
				58			1 Yes
				383			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 1 or DONTEAT = 1			
EQIPCHAR	307	2	YES1FMT	HFL5d			N Use equipment to get in/out bed/chair
				12,411			. Inapplicable
				851			1 Yes
				1,238			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 1 or DONTCHAR = 1			
EQIPWALK	309	2	YES1FMT	HFL5e			N Use equipment to help walk
				10,540			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				2,338			1 Yes
				1,621			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 1 or DONTWALK = 1			
EQIPTOIL	311	2	YES1FMT	HFL5f			N Use equipment to help use toilet
				13,620			. Inapplicable
				508			1 Yes
				372			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 1 or DONTTOIL = 1			
LONGBATH	313	2	LONGFMT	HFL6a			N How long needed help to bathe/shower
				13,501			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				98			1 Less than 3 months
				186			2 3 months to 1 year
				712			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPBATH = 1 First available in 1996			
LONGDRES	315	2	LONGFMT	HFL6b			N How long needed help to dress
				13,707			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				62			1 Less than 3 months
				136			2 3 months to 1 year
				593			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPDRES = 1 First available in 1996			

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
LONGEAT	317	2	LONGFMT			HFL6c	N How long needed help to eat
				14,332			. Inapplicable
				14			1 Less than 3 months
				27			2 3 months to 1 year
				127			3 More than 1 year
Notes: Applies only if HELPEAT = 1 First available in 1996							
LONGCHAR	319	2	LONGFMT			HFL6d	N How long need help get in/out bed/chair
				13,798			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				67			1 Less than 3 months
				111			2 3 months to 1 year
				521			3 More than 1 year
Notes: Applies only if HELPCHAR = 1 First available in 1996							
LONGWALK	321	2	LONGFMT			HFL6e	N How long needed help to walk
				13,754			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				66			1 Less than 3 months
				136			2 3 months to 1 year
				542			3 More than 1 year
Notes: Applies only if HELPWALK = 1 First available in 1996							
LONGTOIL	323	2	LONGFMT			HFL6f	N How long needed help to use toilet
				14,170			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				25			1 Less than 3 months
				43			2 3 months to 1 year
				260			3 More than 1 year
Notes: Applies only if HELPTOIL = 1 First available in 1996							
STILBATH	325	2	YES1FMT			HFL7a	N Need help 3 mos from now w/ bathe/shower
				14,402			. Inapplicable
				14			-8 Don't know
				48			1 Yes
				36			2 No
Notes: Applies only if LONGBATH = 1 First available in 1996							

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
STILDRES	327	2	YES1FMT	HFL7b			N Need help 3 mos from now w/ dressing
				14,438			. Inapplicable
				8			-8 Don't know
				30			1 Yes
				24			2 No
Notes: Applies only if LONGDRES = 1 First available in 1996							
STILEAT	329	2	YES1FMT	HFL7c			N Need help 3 mos from now w/ eating
				14,486			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				10			1 Yes
				3			2 No
Notes: Applies only if LONGEAT = 1 First available in 1996							
STILCHAR	331	2	YES1FMT	HFL7d			N Need help 3 mos w/ get in/out bed/chair
				14,433			. Inapplicable
				13			-8 Don't know
				33			1 Yes
				21			2 No
Notes: Applies only if LONGCHAR = 1 First available in 1996							
STILWALK	333	2	YES1FMT	HFL7e			N Need help 3 mos from now w/ walking
				14,434			. Inapplicable
				9			-8 Don't know
				41			1 Yes
				16			2 No
Notes: Applies only if LONGWALK = 1 First available in 1996							
STILTOIL	335	2	YES1FMT	HFL7f			N Need help 3 mos from now w/ using toilet
				14,475			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				16			1 Yes
				7			2 No
Notes: Applies only if LONGTOIL = 1 First available in 1996							
D_ADLHNM	337	2	HELPRFMT				N Number of ADL helpers
				6,812			. Inapplicable
				5,899			1 1 helper
				1,288			2 2 helpers
				370			3 3 helpers
				87			4 4 helpers
				44			5 or more helpers
Note: Applies only if SP has at least one ADL or IADL							

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MEMLOSS	339	2	YES2FMT			HFN1	N Memory loss interfere w/ daily activity
				29			-8 Don't know
				11			-7 Refused
				1,935			1 Yes
				12,525			2 No
Note: First available in 1996							
PROBDECS	341	2	YES2FMT			HFN2	N Problem make decisions interferes w/ADLs
				31			-8 Don't know
				10			-7 Refused
				1,383			1 Yes
				13,076			2 No
Note: First available in 1996							
TROBCONC	343	2	YES2FMT			HFN3	N SP has trouble concentrating
				23			-8 Don't know
				10			-7 Refused
				2,404			1 Yes
				12,063			2 No
Note: First available in 1996							
TIMESAD	345	2	TIME2FMT			HFN4	N Were you depressed the last 12 months?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				72			-8 Don't know
				16			-7 Refused
				294			1 All of the time
				934			2 Most of the time
				3,068			3 Some of the time
				4,797			4 A little of the time
				5,318			5 None of the time
Note: First available in 2001							
LOSTINTR	347	2	YES2FMT			HFN5	N Did you lose interest the last 12 mos?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				97			-8 Don't know
				12			-7 Refused
				2,232			1 Yes
				12,158			2 No
Note: First available in 2001							

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LOSTURIN	349	2	URIFMT			HFQ1	N How often lost urine control last 12 mo
				124			-8 Don't know
				35			-7 Refused
				1,410			1 More than once a week
				472			2 About once a week
				481			3 2-3 times a month
				454			4 About once a month
				351			5 Every 2-3 months
				682			6 1-2 Times a year
				10,344			7 Not at all
				147			8 Dialysis/catheterized