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2000 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey
Insurance Component
HEALTH INSURANCE COST STUDY
GOVERNMENT FOLLOWUP

Please correct errors in name, address, and ZIP Code.
ENTER number and street if not shown.

Section A – NUMBER OF PLANS

Start
here

LIST THE NAME, TITLE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE PERSON WITH WHOM YOU ARE CONDUCTING THIS INTERVIEW. ↗

212	Name		
213	Title		
215	Telephone number (Include area code and number)	220	Extension
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**GO TO
A1a**

The government unit I am going to speak with you about is –
(Fill in the government unit from above)

For this study, a government unit is considered to have offered health insurance if it made available or contributed to any health insurance plans which included hospital and/or physician coverage.

A1a. In 2000, did your government unit make available or contribute to the cost of any health insurance plans for its ACTIVE employees?

- 001 1 Yes
2 No – **SKIP TO B2a ON PAGE 2**

Please answer the following questions only for health insurance plans which covered hospital stays and/or physician visits.

A1b. How many different health insurance choices did your government unit make available or contribute to for its ACTIVE employees during the 2000 plan year?

003 Plans

Section B – EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

B1a. How many ACTIVE employees were **eligible** for at least one health plan through your government unit?

201

_____ Eligible employees

B1b. How many of those ACTIVE employees were **enrolled** in ANY health insurance plan through your government unit?

202

_____ Enrolled employees

B2a. Did your government unit have any part-time employees in 2000?

563

1 Yes – Continue with B2b

2 No

3 Don't know

} **SKIP TO B3**

<IF NO INSURANCE OFFERED, **SKIP TO B3.**>

B2b. How many of those part-time employees were **eligible** for at least one health plan through your government unit?

204

_____ Eligible part-time employees

B2c. How many of those eligible part-time employees were **enrolled** in ANY health plan through your government unit?

205

_____ Enrolled part-time employees

B3. How many hours per week must an employee work to be considered full-time at your government unit?

<PROBE IF NECESSARY: Not including the number of hours required for health insurance eligibility, does your organization have a standard full-time hours?>

041

_____ Full-time hours

B4. What percentage of the employees at your government unit were union members?

018

_____ % Union members

<IF NO INSURANCE OFFERED, **SKIP TO END ON PAGE 6.**>

Section C – GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

C1a. For 2000, did your government unit impose a waiting period before new employees could be covered by health insurance?

- ¹⁹⁷ 1 Yes – *Continue with C1b*
2 No – **SKIP TO C2**

C1b. What was the typical waiting period: less than two weeks, two weeks to less than one month, until the first day of the next month, one to three months, or more than three months?

<MARK (X) ONLY ONE>

- ¹⁹⁸ 1 Less than two weeks
2 Two weeks to less than one month
5 Until first day of the next month
3 One to three months
4 More than three months

C2. Which of the following optional coverage services, if any, did your government unit offer to its ACTIVE employees in 2000 at a premium SEPARATE from the comprehensive health plan premium?

<READ CATEGORIES AND MARK (X) ALL THAT APPLY>

- ¹⁹² Dental?
¹⁹³ Vision?
¹⁹⁴ Prescription drugs?
¹⁹⁵ Long-term care?
- OR**
- ⁵⁶² No Optional Care Coverage Offered

C3. In 2000, did your government unit provide health insurance to any employees who retired from your government unit?

- ⁵⁵¹ 1 Yes – *Continue with Section C*
2 No
3 Don't know } **SKIP TO END ON PAGE 6**

Section C – GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS – Continued

I have several questions about the health insurance coverage offered to retirees. Are you the best person to answer these questions?

- Yes – Continue with C4a
- No – Ask respondent for the name and phone number of a knowledgeable contact, then proceed to the first MEPS-11GF(S) for the government unit.

C4a. Were retirees **under 65 years** of age **eligible** to receive health insurance in 2000?

- 209 Yes – Continue with C4b
 No – **SKIP TO C5a ON PAGE 5**

C4b. What was the total number of retirees under 65 years of age covered by health insurance through your government unit in 2000?

572 _____ Retirees under 65 covered by insurance

C4c. What percentage of those retirees were **enrolled** in **employee-only** coverage?

573 _____ % Retirees enrolled in employee-only coverage

C4d. For a **typical** plan in 2000, how much did the **employer** contribute toward the **monthly** plan premium for one **typical** retiree with **employee-only** coverage?

574 \$ _____ .00 Employer contribution for employee-only premium

C4e. For this same plan, what was the **total monthly** premium for this **typical** retiree with **employee-only** coverage?

575 \$ _____ .00 Total employee-only premium

C4f. For a **typical** plan in 2000, how much did the **employer** contribute toward the **monthly** plan premium for one **typical** retiree with **family** coverage?

READ IF NECESSARY: **For retirees, if premium varies, report for a family of two.**

576 \$ _____ .00 Employer contribution for family premium

C4g. For this same plan, what the **total monthly** premium for this **typical** retiree with **family** coverage?

577 \$ _____ .00 Total family premium

Section C – GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS – Continued

C5a. Were retirees age **65 years and over eligible** to receive health insurance in 2000?

- 210 Yes – *Continue with C5b*
2 No – **SKIP TO END ON PAGE 6**

C5b. What was the total number of retirees age 65 years and over covered by health insurance through your government unit in 2000?

578 _____ Retirees 65 years and over covered by insurance

C5c. What percentage of those retirees were **enrolled** in **employee-only** coverage?

579 _____ % Retirees enrolled in employee-only coverage

C5d. For a **typical** plan in 2000, how much did the **employer** contribute toward the **monthly** plan premium for one **typical** retiree with **employee-only** coverage?

580 \$ _____ .00 Employer contribution for employee-only premium

C5e. For this same plan, what was the **total monthly** premium for this **typical** retiree with **employee-only** coverage?

581 \$ _____ .00 Total employee-only premium

C5f. For a **typical** plan in 2000, how much did the **employer** contribute toward the **monthly** plan premium for one **typical** retiree with **family** coverage?

READ IF NECESSARY: **For retirees, if premium varies, report for a family of two.**

582 \$ _____ .00 Employer contribution for family premium

C5g. For this same plan, what was the **total monthly** premium for this **typical** retiree with **family** coverage?

583 \$ _____ .00 Total family premium

END

<DO NOT READ ALOUD>

IF THIS GOVERNMENT UNIT OFFERED INSURANCE, GO TO THE FIRST MEPS-11GF(S) QUESTIONNAIRE.

IF THIS GOVERNMENT UNIT DID NOT OFFER INSURANCE, PLEASE END THE INTERVIEW BY READING THE THANK YOU STATEMENT.

IF THIS IS A PARENT GOVERNMENT THAT HAS INCLUDED IN ITS DATA AT LEAST ONE DEPENDENT AGENCY, PLEASE ENTER THE NAME OF THE DEPENDENT AGENCY OR AGENCIES INCLUDED IN THIS DATA IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.

THANK YOU

This concludes the Health Insurance Cost Study. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation.

500 Remarks