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1999 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey

Insurance Component

**HEALTH INSURANCE COST STUDY
MU FOLLOWUP QUESTIONNAIRE**

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

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**

Section A – NUMBER OF PLANS

The *(first/next)* establishment I am going to speak with you about is located at –
(Fill in establishment address from above)

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

A1a. In 1999, did your organization make available or contribute to the cost of any health insurance plans for its active employees, at the location I just mentioned?

- 001 1 Yes
2 No – **SKIP TO B1A 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 organization make available or contribute to for its active employees during the 1999 plan year?

003 Plans

Section B – EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

B1a. How many employees were on your organization's payroll, at the location I mentioned earlier, for a typical pay period in 1999?

200

_____ All employees

<IF NO INSURANCE OFFERED, **SKIP TO B2a.**>

B1b. How many of these employees were **enrolled** in any health insurance plan your organization offered?

202

_____ Enrolled employees

B2a. For a typical pay period in 1999, did your organization have any part-time employees at this same location?

540 1 Yes

2 No – **SKIP TO B3**

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

B2b. Did you offer health insurance to your part-time employees?

541 1 Yes

2 No

B3. How many hours per week must an employee work to be considered full-time at the location I mentioned earlier?

041

_____ Full-time hours

B4. What percentage of the employees at this location were union members?

018

_____ % Union members

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

Section C – GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

<IF YOU HAVE COLLECTED THIS ONCE FOR THIS MUC, SKIP TO END ON PAGE 4>

C1a. For 1999, did your organization impose a waiting period before new employees could be covered by health insurance?

- 197 1 Yes
- 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. In 1999, did your organization offer optional coverage, at a premium which was separate from the comprehensive plan premium, to its active employees for any of the following single services:

<READ EACH CATEGORY AND MARK (X) ALL THAT APPLY>

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

C3. In 1999, did your organization provide health insurance to any employees who retired from your organization?

- 551 1 Yes – **Go to C4a**
 - 2 No
 - 3 Don't know
- } **SKIP TO END ON PAGE 4**

C4a. Were retirees under 65 years of age eligible to receive health insurance in 1999?

- 209 1 Yes
- 2 No

C4b. Were retirees 65 years of age and over eligible to receive health insurance in 1999?

- 210 1 Yes
- 2 No

C5a. What was the total number of retirees covered by health insurance through your organization at ALL of its locations in 1999?

513 Retirees covered by insurance

C5b. What percentage of these retirees were enrolled in single coverage?

554 % Retirees enrolled in single coverage

Section C – GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS – Continued

C6a. For a typical plan in 1999, how much did the EMPLOYER contribute toward the monthly plan premium for ONE TYPICAL retiree with single coverage?

515 \$.00 Employer contribution

C6b. For this same plan, what was the total monthly premium for this typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?

514 \$.00 Single coverage premium

C7a. For a typical plan in 1999, how much did the EMPLOYER contribute toward the monthly plan premium for ONE TYPICAL retiree with family coverage?

556 \$.00 Employer contribution

C7b. For this same plan, what was the total monthly premium for this typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?

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

555 \$.00 Family coverage premium

END

<DO NOT READ ALOUD>

- IF THIS ESTABLISHMENT OFFERED INSURANCE, GO TO THE FIRST MEPS-10M(S) QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THIS ESTABLISHMENT.
- IF THIS ESTABLISHMENT DID NOT OFFER INSURANCE GO TO THE MEPS-10M QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE NEXT ESTABLISHMENT IN THIS MULTIUNIT GROUP.
- IF THERE ARE NO MORE ESTABLISHMENTS – END THE INTERVIEW BY READING THE THANK YOU STATEMENT

THANK YOU

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

500 Remarks