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2000 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 *(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 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 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 2000 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 2000?

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 2000, 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?

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

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 ON PAGE 6.**>

Section C – GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

<IF YOU HAVE COLLECTED THIS ONCE FOR THIS MUC, SKIP TO END ON PAGE 6>

C1a. For 2000, did your organization 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 organization offer to its ACTIVE employees in 2000 at a premium SEPARATE from the comprehensive health plan premium?

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

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

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

- 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-10M(S) for this establishment.

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

- 209 Yes – Continue with C4b
- 2 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 organization at all of its locations in 2000?

572 Retirees under 65 covered by insurance

C4c. What percentage of these 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 the 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 1 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 organization at all of its locations in 2000?

578 Retirees 65 years and over covered by insurance

C5c. What percentage of these 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 the 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 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