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1999 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 located at –
(Fill in the government unit address from above)

For this study, a government unit 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 this 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 this government unit 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 **eligible** for at least one health plan through this government unit?

201

_____ Eligible employees

B1b. How many of these employees were **enrolled** in a health insurance plan this government unit offered?

202

_____ Enrolled employees

B2a. Did your government unit have any part-time employees in 1999?

563

1 Yes – *Continue with Question B2b*

2 No

3 Don't know

} **SKIP TO QUESTION B3**

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

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

204

_____ Eligible part-time employees

B2c. How many of these 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 this government unit?

041

_____ Full-time hours

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

018

_____ % Union members

IF NO INSURANCE OFFERED, GO TO END ON PAGE 4.

Section C – GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

C1a. For 1999, did your government unit 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 this government unit 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 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 1999, did your government unit provide health insurance to any employees who retired from your government unit?

- 551 1 Yes – *Continue with Question C4a*
 - 2 No
 - 3 Don't know
- } **SKIP TO END**

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 government unit 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 GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute toward the monthly plan premium for ONE TYPICAL retiree with single coverage?

⁵¹⁵ \$ _____ .00 Government unit

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 GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute toward the monthly plan premium for ONE TYPICAL retiree with family coverage?

⁵⁵⁶ \$ _____ .00 Government unit

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

IF THIS GOVERNMENT UNIT DID NOT OFFER INSURANCE, PLEASE END THE FORM.

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.
