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General Comment

(1) The removal of the perceived discrimination question will hinder the identification of barriers to access to care -- one of the concerns voiced about disparities research is the lack of an identified source of said disparities and saying it is structural, but removing this question will lead to fewer ways to identify the causes of disparities instead of improving it, hindering provision of care to all.

(2) I'd love to use state-level data!! Medicaid is intended to be a "learning lab" with states learning from each other, and the lack of state-level comparable data really hinders that mission. While the MCBS focuses on Medicare beneficiaries, the dually-eligible population covered within is the most expensive and arguably the most at need population in the US - using this existing framework to further research on Medicaid would be greatly beneficial.