Medical Expenditure Panel Survey – Insurance Component

HEALTH INSURANCE COST STUDY
Government Unit Questionnaire

Section C – RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Exclude any retirees that have coverage through PHSA (COBRA) or state continuation-of-benefits-laws.

If this is a self-insured plan, report the premium equivalent.

For an explanation of these terms, see the definition sheet included with this package.

1. Did your government unit or some other government unit provide health insurance coverage to any person who RETIRED from your government unit in 2012 OR BEFORE, or to any of their survivors?

If PHSA (COBRA) was the only coverage offered, mark "No".

551
1 ☐ Yes – This government unit – *Continue with Question 2*
4 ☐ Yes – Another government unit

672
[ ]
Enter name of other government unit

Continue with Question 2 if information is available. Otherwise Skip to Section D.

551
2 ☐ No
3 ☐ Don't know
} ***SKIP to Section D***

2. In a TYPICAL month, how many retirees were enrolled in health insurance through your government unit?

513
[ ] Number of retirees enrolled

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Section C – RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS – Continued

Use the two columns below to report the information for EACH QUESTION by age category.
- *The first column is the information for each question as it pertains to retirees UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE.*
- *The second column is the information for each question as it pertains to retirees AGE 65 YEARS OR OVER.*

		UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE	AGE 65 YEARS OR OVER
	Exclude any retirees that have coverage through PHSA (COBRA) or state continuation-of-benefits laws.		
3a.	Were any of the retirees with coverage, reported in Question 2, under 65 years of age or age 65 years or over?	628 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No	629 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No
b.	In a TYPICAL MONTH, what was the TOTAL number of retirees, by age category, enrolled in health insurance through your government unit in 2012?	572 ☐ Total under 65	578 ☐ Total 65 or over
c.	What percentage of these retirees, by age category, were ENROLLED in SINGLE coverage?	573 ☐ % Percent enrolled in single	579 ☐ % Percent enrolled in single
d.	For a typical plan in 2012, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT CONTRIBUTE, by age category, toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?	574 $ ☐ .00	580 $ ☐ .00
e.	For this same plan, how much did this typical RETIREE with SINGLE coverage CONTRIBUTE, by age category, toward his/her monthly plan premium?	651 $ ☐ .00	653 $ ☐ .00
f.	For this same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium, by age category, for this typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?	575 $ ☐ .00	581 $ ☐ .00
g.	For a typical plan in 2012, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT CONTRIBUTE, by age category, toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with FAMILY coverage? *For retirees, if premium varied by family size, report for a family of two.*	576 $ ☐ .00	582 $ ☐ .00
h.	For this same plan, how much did this typical RETIREE with FAMILY coverage CONTRIBUTE, by age category, toward his/her monthly plan premium?	652 $ ☐ .00	654 $ ☐ .00
i.	For this same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium, by age category, for this typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?	577 $ ☐ .00	583 $ ☐ .00
j.	Did a typical plan provide coverage for outpatient prescription drugs for retirees?	724 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No 3 ☐ Don't know	725 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No 3 ☐ Don't know

NEW RETIREES

For Questions 4a through 4c, NEW RETIREES refers to persons who retired from your government unit in 2012.

Exclude any retirees that have coverage through PHSA (COBRA) or state continuation-of-benefits-laws.

4a. Did your government unit offer health insurance to any NEW RETIREES?

630   1 ☐ Yes – *Continue with Question 4b*   2 ☐ No   3 ☐ Don't know   } ***SKIP to Section D***

b. Were NEW RETIREES under 65 years of age eligible for health insurance?
631   1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No   3 ☐ Don't know

c. Were NEW RETIREES 65 years of age or over eligible for health insurance?
632   1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No   3 ☐ Don't know

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Section D – HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

1a. **Which of the listed optional coverage services, if any, did your government unit offer to its ACTIVE employees in 2012 at a premium SEPARATE from the comprehensive health plan premium?**

Report single service insurance plans only.

Long-term care insurance helps cover the cost of institutional and home care required by the chronically ill or disabled.

Do not include single services covered under a comprehensive health plan.

Mark (X) all that apply.

192 ☐ Dental
193 ☐ Vision
194 ☐ Prescription drugs
195 ☐ Long-term care

Continue with Question 1b

562 ☐ No optional coverage – **SKIP to Section E**

b. **What was the total amount paid for OPTIONAL COVERAGE for all ACTIVE employees during a TYPICAL MONTH at THIS GOVERNMENT UNIT in 2012?**

Include both employee and government unit contributions.

720 $ ___,___,___.00

Monthly optional coverage cost

Section E – EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Estimates are acceptable for all employment, eligibility, and enrollment figures.

Include full-time, part-time, temporary, and seasonal employees.

1a. **How many ACTIVE employees were ELIGIBLE for at least one health plan through your government unit in 2012?**

201 [____] **Eligible** employees

b. **How many of these ACTIVE employees were ENROLLED in ANY health plan through your government unit?**

202 [____] **Enrolled** employees

2a. **Did your government unit have any PART-TIME employees in 2012?**

563
1 ☐ Yes – *Continue with Question 2b*
2 ☐ No
3 ☐ Don't know

} **SKIP to Question 3**

b. **How many of these PART-TIME employees were ELIGIBLE for at least one health plan through your government unit?**

204 [____] **Eligible** part-time employees

c. **How many of these PART-TIME employees were ENROLLED in ANY health plan through your government unit?**

205 [____] **Enrolled** part-time employees

3. **Did your government unit offer health insurance to its temporary or seasonal employees in 2012?**

Mark (X) only one.

564
1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No
4 ☐ Government unit has no temporary or seasonal employees
3 ☐ Don't know

4. **If your government unit offered health insurance, what is the minimum number of hours per week that an employee must work in order to be eligible for health insurance?**

626 [____] **Minimum hours** worked per week to be eligible

721 ☐ No minimum number of hours required

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Section F – FRINGE BENEFITS CHARACTERISTICS

1. Did your government unit offer the following fringe benefits to its employees in 2012?

		Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know (3)
050	Paid vacation	☐	☐	☐
051	Paid sick leave	☐	☐	☐
052	Life insurance	☐	☐	☐
053	Disability insurance	☐	☐	☐
054	Retirement/pension plans	☐	☐	☐

2. Did your government unit offer any of these tax-advantaged benefits to its employees in 2012?

See the definition sheet included with this package for an explanation of these benefits.

These plans are also known as Section 125 Cafeteria Plans.

		Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know (3)
627	Employee contributions to health insurance made on a pre-tax basis	☐	☐	☐
056	Flexible SPENDING Accounts (FSA) for healthcare	☐	☐	☐
057	Flexible Benefits Plans — *Full cafeteria plans that offer employees a set of benefits from which to choose*	☐	☐	☐

Section G – EMPLOYEE CHARACTERISTICS

Provide information for a TYPICAL pay period in 2012.

Estimates are acceptable.

The following workforce characteristics are used to group similar government units together for analytical purposes.

1. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were union members?

018 ☐☐ % Union members
729 ☐ No union members

2. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were women?
If none, enter "0".

016 ☐☐ % Women employees

3. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were 50 years old or older?
If none, enter "0".

017 ☐☐ % Employees 50 years old or older

If none, enter "0".

4. For the employees at this government unit in 2012, approximately what percentage earned –

Less than $11.50 per hour? Approximately $24,000 a year or less
022 ☐☐ % Earned less than $11.50 per hour

Between $11.50 and $27.00 per hour? Approximately $24,000 to $56,000 a year
023 ☐☐ % Earned between $11.50 and $27.00 per hour

More than $27.00 per hour? Approximately $56,000 a year or more
024 ☐☐ % Earned more than $27.00 per hour

5. For the employees at this government unit in 2012, approximately how many earned more than $40.00 per hour? Approximately $83,000 a year or more

726 ☐☐ Number of employees that earned more than $40.00 per hour

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