

The Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey



A Few Reasons Why It Is Important
For You To Participate In The MCBS:

- To improve Medicare for future generations.
- To improve the quality of care.
- To improve future laws and regulations for people enrolled in Medicare.

Your participation is *voluntary*.

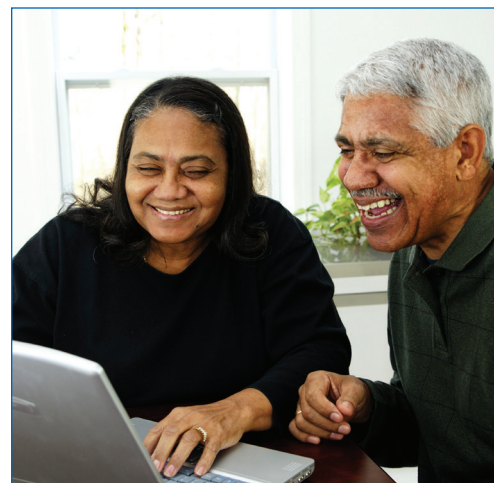
Your Medicare Benefits will not be affected
in any way by your answers or your decision
to participate.



*This survey is authorized by section 1875
(42 USC 139511) of the Social Security Act
and is conducted by Westat for the U.S.
Department of Health and Human Services.*

Some Facts for People Who Are Part of the MCBS:

- You will be making an important contribution toward improving health care for people on Medicare. The MCBS is planned to continue over the next several years. We will talk to people who are part of the MCBS a few times each year.
- The information you provide will be kept in strict confidence under the laws prescribed by the Privacy Act of 1974. Information cannot be disclosed in any form that would permit identification of an individual in this study, except to those involved in this research or for routine use or in very limited circumstances as prescribed by the Privacy Act.
- Information will be used only for statistical purposes. Your responses will be used in tables and graphs along with the data from others. Your data could be carefully verified by computer matching under Public Law 100-503 [The Computer Matching and Privacy Protect Act].
- According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid



OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-0568. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 1 hour for the first interview and approximately 1½ hours for subsequent interviews. This includes the time to review instructions, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. Additionally, a random percentage of the respondent population (per round) is contacted for a validation interview averaging 5 minutes. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, B2-29-04, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Let's Improve Health Care — Talk to Your Interviewer



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