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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 COBRA or State Continuation-of-Benefits laws. See the Definition Sheet included with this package for an explanation of these terms.

**1. Did your government unit or some other government unit provide health insurance coverage to any person who retired from your government unit ON OR BEFORE December 31, 2002, or to any of their survivors?**

If COBRA was the only coverage offered mark "No".

551  Yes – This government unit – Continue with Question 2

4  Yes – Another government unit

672

Enter name of other government unit – **Skip to Section D**

551

2  No

3  Don't know

} **SKIP to Section D.**

**2. In 2002, what was the total number of retirees enrolled in health insurance through your government unit?**

513

**Total retirees**

**UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE**

Exclude any retirees that have coverage through COBRA or State Continuation-of-Benefits Laws.

**3a. Were any of these retirees with coverage, reported in Question 2, under 65 years of age?**

628

1  Yes – Continue with Question 3b

2  No – **SKIP to Question 4a**

**b. What was the TOTAL number of retirees under 65 years of age enrolled in health insurance through your government unit in 2002?**

572

**Total** retirees under 65 enrolled in health insurance

**c. What percentage of those retirees were ENROLLED in SINGLE coverage?**

573

 %

Retirees under 65 enrolled in **single** coverage

**d. For a typical plan in 2002, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?**

574

 \$  ,  .  0  0

**Government unit** contribution for **single** premium

**e. For that same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium for this typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?**

575

 \$  ,  .  0  0

**Total single premium**

**f. For a typical plan in 2002, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute 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

 \$  ,  .  0  0

**Government unit** contribution for **family** premium

**g. For that same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium for this typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?**

577

 \$  ,  .  0  0

**Total family premium**

## Section C – RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS – Continued

AGE 65 YEARS OR OVER	
<p><i>Exclude any retirees that have coverage through COBRA or State Continuation-of-Benefits Laws.</i></p>	
<p><b>4a. Were any of these retirees with coverage, reported in Question 2, 65 years of age or over?</b></p>	<p>629    1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Continue with Question 4b                  2 <input type="checkbox"/> No – SKIP to Question 5a</p>
<p><b>b. What was the TOTAL number of retirees 65 years or over enrolled in health insurance through your government unit in 2002?</b></p>	<p>578    <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <b>Total</b> retirees 65 years or over enrolled in health insurance</p>
<p><b>c. What percentage of those retirees were ENROLLED in SINGLE coverage?</b></p>	<p>579    <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> % Retirees 65 years or over <b>enrolled in single</b> coverage</p>
<p><b>d. For a typical plan in 2002, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?</b></p>	<p>580    \$ <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> , <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> . <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <b>Government unit</b> contribution for <b>single</b> premium</p>
<p><b>e. For that same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium for this typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?</b></p>	<p>581    \$ <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> , <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> . <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <b>Total single</b> premium</p>
<p><b>f. For a typical plan in 2002, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?</b></p> <p><i>For retirees, if premium varied by family size, report for a family of two.</i></p>	<p>582    \$ <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> , <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> . <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <b>Government unit</b> contribution for <b>family</b> premium</p>
<p><b>g. For that same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium for this typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?</b></p>	<p>583    \$ <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> , <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> . <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <b>Total family</b> premium</p>
NEW RETIREES	
<p><i>Exclude any retirees that have coverage through COBRA or State Continuation-of-Benefits Laws.</i></p> <p><i>For Questions 5a through 5c, NEW RETIREES refers only to persons who retired from your government unit in 2002.</i></p>	
<p><b>5a. Did your government unit offer health insurance to any NEW RETIREES?</b></p>	<p>630    1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Continue with Question 5b                  2 <input type="checkbox"/> No                  3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know    } <b>SKIP to Section D</b></p>
<p><b>b. Were NEW RETIREES under 65 years of age eligible for health insurance?</b></p>	<p>631    1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                  2 <input type="checkbox"/> No                  3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>
<p><b>c. Were NEW RETIREES 65 years of age or over eligible for health insurance?</b></p>	<p>632    1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                  2 <input type="checkbox"/> No                  3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>



## Section F – FRINGE BENEFITS CHARACTERISTICS

**1. Which of the following fringe benefits did your government unit offer its employees in 2002?**

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know (3)
050 Paid vacation . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
051 Paid sick leave . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
052 Life insurance . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
053 Disability insurance . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
054 Retirement/pension plans . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2a. Did your government unit offer any of these tax-advantaged benefits to its employees in 2002?**

These benefits are also known as Section 125 Cafeteria Plans.  
*See the Definition Sheet included with this package for an explanation of these benefits.*

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know (3)
627 Employee contributions to health insurance made on a pre-tax basis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
056 Flexible SPENDING account (FSA) <i>For healthcare</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
057 Flexible Benefits Plan <i>Full cafeteria plan that offers employees a set of benefits from which to choose</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**b. If your government unit offered a Flexible Benefit Plan, what was the average annual value of the plan for a TYPICAL employee in 2002?**

058  Flexible Benefits Plan value

**3. Did your government unit offer a MEDICAL SAVINGS Account (Archer MSA) to its employees in 2002?**

*Archer MSAs can only be offered by employers with 50 or fewer employees.*

- 055
- 1  Yes
  - 2  No
  - 3  Don't know

## Section G – EMPLOYEE CHARACTERISTICS

**Provide information for a TYPICAL pay period in 2002.**

Estimates are acceptable.

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

If none, enter "0".

**1. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were women?**

016

 %

Women employees

**2. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were 50 years old or older?**

017

 %

Employees 50 years old or older

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

018

 %

Union members

**4. For the employees at this government unit in 2002, approximately what percentage earned –**

022

 %

Earned less than \$9.50 per hour

**Less than \$9.50 per hour?** . . . . .  
Approximately \$19,800 a year or less

023

 %

Earned between \$9.50 and \$21.00 per hour

**Between \$9.50 and \$21.00 per hour?** . . . . .  
Approximately \$19,800 to \$43,700 a year

024

 %

Earned more than \$21.00 per hour

**More than \$21.00 per hour?** . . . . .  
Approximately \$43,700 a year or more

## Section H – PERSON COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

<sup>212</sup> Name (Please print)

<sup>213</sup> Title

Signature

<sup>214</sup> Date (Month/Day/Year)

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<sup>215</sup> Telephone number  
(     )

<sup>220</sup> Extension

<sup>216</sup> FAX number  
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<sup>217</sup> E-Mail address