Table IV. A. 5(1996) National total cost of optional coverage for the private sector by industry category: United States, 1996

	Total	Standard error	
(in	(in millions of dollars)		
United States	<b>\$12, 189</b>	\$397	
Agriculture, fishing or forestry	<b>\$77</b>	\$19	
M ni ng	\$78	\$21	
Construction	<b>\$373</b>	\$62	
Manufacturing	<b>\$2,751</b>	\$249	
Transport, communications, or utiliti	es \$907	\$116	
Wholesale	\$901	<b>\$85</b>	
Retai l	<b>\$1, 966</b>	\$121	
Finance, insurance, or real estate	<b>\$1, 171</b>	\$133	
Services	\$3, 962	\$276	
Unknown	<b>\$2</b>	\$2	

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Center for Cost and Financing
Studies. 1996 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey - Insurance Component.

Notes: Definitions and descriptions of the methods used for this survey can be found in the Technical Appendix. Totals may not sum exactly because of rounding.