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Medical Expenditure Panel Survey – Insurance Component
HEALTH INSURANCE COST STUDY
Government Unit Questionnaire

Section C – RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. In 2000, did your government unit provide health insurance to any employees who retired from your government unit?**
*If your government unit does not have retirees, mark "No".
If COBRA was the only coverage offered, mark "No".*

551 1 ☐ Yes – Continue with Question 2
2 ☐ No
3 ☐ Don't know } **SKIP to Section D.**

- 2. Did your government unit offer its retirees at least one portable plan?**
A portable plan allows the retiree to obtain care in almost all localities within the country.

512 1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No

- 3. How many RETIREE-ONLY hospital and/or physician plan choices did your government unit offer in 2000?**
Do not include plans for which ACTIVE employees were eligible.

510 Retiree-only plans
OR
511 ☐ None

UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE

- 4a. Were retirees under 65 years of age ELIGIBLE to receive health insurance in 2000?**

209 1 ☐ Yes – Continue with Question 4b
2 ☐ No – **SKIP to Question 5a**

- b. What was the TOTAL number of retirees under 65 years of age covered by health insurance through your government unit in 2000?**

572 **Total** retirees under 65 covered by insurance

- c. What percentage of those retirees were ENROLLED in EMPLOYEE-ONLY coverage?**

573 % Retirees under 65 **enrolled** in **employee-only** coverage

- d. For a typical plan in 2000, how much did the EMPLOYER contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with EMPLOYEE-ONLY coverage?**

574 \$, . 0 0 **Employer** contribution for **employee-only** premium

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

575 \$, . 0 0 **Total** **employee-only** premium

- f. For a typical plan in 2000, how much did the EMPLOYER contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?**

For retirees, if premium varies by family size, report for a family of two.

576 \$, . 0 0 **Employer** 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

65 YEARS AND OVER

5a. Were retirees age 65 years and over **ELIGIBLE** to receive health insurance in 2000?

- 210 1 ☐ Yes – Continue with Question 5b
2 ☐ No – **SKIP to Section D, Question 1a**

b. What was the **TOTAL** number of retirees age 65 years and over covered by health insurance through your government unit in 2000?

578 **Total** retirees 65 years and over covered by insurance

c. What percentage of those retirees were **ENROLLED** in **EMPLOYEE-ONLY** coverage?

579 % Retirees 65 years and over **enrolled** in **employee-only** coverage

d. For a typical plan in 2000, how much did the **EMPLOYER** contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with **EMPLOYEE-ONLY** coverage?

580 \$, . 0 0 **Employer** contribution for **employee-only** premium

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

581 \$, . 0 0 **Total employee – only premium**

f. For a typical plan in 2000, how much did the **EMPLOYER** contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with **FAMILY** coverage?

For retirees, if premium varies by family size, report for a family of two.

582 \$, . 0 0 **Employer** contribution for **family** premium

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

583 \$, . 0 0 **Total family premium**

Section D – HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

*Complete Section D if your government unit made insurance available to its **ACTIVE** employees in 2000.*

Estimates are acceptable.

1a. What was the total annual cost of coverage for **ALL** hospital and/or physician plans offered through **THIS GOVERNMENT UNIT** in 2000?

*Include both employer and employee contributions.
Include the total cost of coverage for all **ACTIVE** employees.*

199 \$, , . 0 0
Annual cost for hospital and/or physician plans

b. What percent of the total annual cost was contributed by the employer?

590 % Employer contribution

2a. Which of the listed optional coverage services, if any, did your government unit offer to its **ACTIVE** employees in 2000 at a premium **SEPARATE** from the comprehensive health plan premium?

Report single service insurance plans only.

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
562 ☐ No optional coverage – **SKIP to Section E**
- } Continue with Question 2b

b. What was the total amount paid for optional coverage for all **ACTIVE** employees enrolled through **THIS GOVERNMENT UNIT** in 2000?

196 \$, , . 0 0
Optional coverage cost

Section E – EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS	
1a. How many ACTIVE employees were ELIGIBLE for at least one health plan through your government unit in 2000?	201 <input type="text"/> Eligible employees
b. How many of those ACTIVE employees were ENROLLED in ANY health plan through your government unit?	202 <input type="text"/> Enrolled employees
2a. Did your government unit have any part-time employees in 2000?	563 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Continue with Question 2b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know } SKIP to Question 3 If your government unit did not offer health insurance in 2000, SKIP to Section F.
b. How many of those part-time employees were ELIGIBLE for at least one health plan through your government unit?	204 <input type="text"/> Eligible part-time employees
c. How many of those part-time employees were ENROLLED in ANY health plan through your government unit?	205 <input type="text"/> Enrolled part-time employees
3. Did your government unit offer health insurance to its temporary or seasonal employees in 2000?	564 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 4 <input type="checkbox"/> No temporary or seasonal employees 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
Section F – FRINGE BENEFIT CHARACTERISTICS	
1a. Which of the following fringe benefits did your government unit offer in 2000? <i>For an explanation of unfamiliar terms, refer to the Definition Sheet included with this package.</i> <i>Mark (X) all that apply.</i>	050 <input type="checkbox"/> Paid vacation 051 <input type="checkbox"/> Paid sick leave 052 <input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance 053 <input type="checkbox"/> Disability insurance 054 <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement/pension plans 055 <input type="checkbox"/> Medical savings accounts (MSAs) 056 <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible spending accounts 057 <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible benefit plans (Cafeteria Plans) <i>If marked, continue with Question 1b; otherwise, SKIP to Section G.</i> 566 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above, SKIP to Section G
b. If your government unit offered a Flexible benefit plan (Cafeteria plan), what was the average ANNUAL value of the plan, for a TYPICAL employee, at this government unit?	058 <input type="text"/> \$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> 0 <input type="text"/> 0 Annual flexible benefit plan value

Section G – EMPLOYEE CHARACTERISTICS

Provide information for a TYPICAL pay period in 2000.

Estimates are acceptable.

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

If none, enter "0".

1a. What percentage of the employees at this government unit were women?

016

 %

Women employees

b. What percentage of the employees at this government unit were 50 years old or older?

017

 %

Employees 50 years old or older

c. What percentage of the employees at this government unit were union members?

018

 %

Union members

d. For the employees at this government unit in 2000, approximately what percentage earned –

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

022

 %

Earned less than \$9.50 per hour

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

023

 %

Earned between \$9.50 and \$21.00 per hour

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

024

 %

Earned more than \$21.00 per hour

2. How many hours per week must an employee work to be considered full-time at this government unit?

041

Hours

Continue with Section H.

Section H – PERSON COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

212 Name (Please print)

213 Title

Signature

214 Date (Month/Day/Year)

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215 Telephone number
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220 Extension

216 FAX number
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217 E-Mail address

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