Understanding how people feel about their health and health care is an important goal of MEPS. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions in this booklet.

SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS: Please answer every question by checking one box “✔”. If you are unsure about how to answer a question, please give the best answer you can.

Your participation is voluntary and all of your answers will be kept confidential. If you have any questions about this booklet, please call Alex Scott at 1-800-945-MEPS (6377).

When you have completed the booklet, please fold it, seal it with this label, and place it in the envelope provided. Have it ready to give to your interviewer at his or her next visit.
YOUR HEALTH CARE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

1. A health provider could be a general doctor, a specialist doctor, a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, a nurse, or anyone else you would see for health care.
   In the last 12 months, did you make any appointments with a doctor or other health provider for regular or routine health care?
   Yes .............................................. □ 1
   No .............................................. □ 2 ▶ GO TO QUESTION 3

2. In the last 12 months, how often did you get an appointment for regular or routine health care as soon as you wanted?
   Never                                    □ 1
   Sometimes                                 □ 2
   Usually                                   □ 3
   Always                                    □ 4
   I didn’t need an appointment for regular or routine care in the last 12 months. ...... □ 96

3. In the last 12 months, did you have an illness or injury that needed care right away from a doctor’s office, clinic, or emergency room?
   Yes .............................................. □ 1
   No .............................................. □ 2 ▶ GO TO QUESTION 5

4. In the last 12 months, when you needed care right away for an illness or injury, how often did you get care as soon as you wanted?
   Never                                    □ 1
   Sometimes                                 □ 2
   Usually                                   □ 3
   Always                                    □ 4
   I didn’t need care right away for an illness or injury in the last 12 months. .... □ 96

5. In the last 12 months (not counting times you went to an emergency room), how many times did you go to a doctor’s office or clinic to get care for yourself?
   None .............................................. □ 0 ▶ GO TO QUESTION 11
   1 .............................................................. □ 1
   2 .............................................................. □ 2
   3 .............................................................. □ 3
   4 .............................................................. □ 4
   5 to 9 ........................................................ □ 5
   10 or more .............................................. □ 6

6. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, was it to get the care you or a doctor believed necessary?
   A big problem ........................................... □ 1
   A small problem ...................................... □ 2
   Not a problem ......................................... □ 3
   I had no visits in the last 12 months. ...... □ 96

7. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers listen carefully to you?
   Never .............................................. □ 1
   Sometimes .............................................. □ 2
   Usually .................................................... □ 3
   Always ...................................................... □ 4
   I had no visits in the last 12 months. ...... □ 96

8. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers explain things in a way you could understand?
   Never .............................................. □ 1
   Sometimes .............................................. □ 2
   Usually .................................................... □ 3
   Always ...................................................... □ 4
   I had no visits in the last 12 months. ...... □ 96
9. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers show respect for what you had to say?

Never ...................................................... □ 1
Sometimes .............................................. □ 2
Usually .................................................... □ 3
Always...................................................... □ 4
I had no visits in the last 12 months. ...... □ 96

10. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers spend enough time with you?

Never ...................................................... □ 1
Sometimes .............................................. □ 2
Usually .................................................... □ 3
Always...................................................... □ 4
I had no visits in the last 12 months. ...... □ 96

11. We want to know your rating of all your health care in the last 12 months from all doctors and other health providers.

Use any number from 0 to 10 where 0 is the worst health care possible, and 10 is the best health care possible. How would you rate all your health care?

0  Worst health care possible ............ □
1 .............................................................. □
2 .............................................................. □
3 .............................................................. □
4 .............................................................. □
5 .............................................................. □
6 .............................................................. □
7 .............................................................. □
8 .............................................................. □
9 .............................................................. □
10  Best health care possible ............. □
I had no visits in the last 12 months. ...... □ 96

12. In the last 2 years, has your blood pressure been checked by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional?

Yes ...................................................... □ 1
No ...................................................... □ 2

13. Do you currently smoke?

Yes ...................................................... □ 1
No ...................................................... □ 2

14. In the past 12 months did a doctor advise you to quit smoking?

Yes ...................................................... □ 1
No ...................................................... □ 2

GETTING HEALTH CARE FROM A SPECIALIST

When you answer the next questions, do not include dental visits.

15. Specialists are doctors like surgeons, heart doctors, allergy doctors, skin doctors, and others who specialize in one area of health care.

In the last 12 months, did you or a doctor think you needed to see a specialist?

Yes ...................................................... □ 1
No ...................................................... □ 2

16. In the past 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, was it to get a referral to a specialist that you need to see?

A big problem........................................... □ 1
A small problem........................................... □ 2
Not a problem ........................................... □ 3
I didn’t need to see a specialist in the last 12 months. ......................... □ 96
17. In general, would you say your health is:

Excellent    Very Good    Good    Fair    Poor
☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4    ☐ 5

18. The following items are about activities you might do during a typical day. Does your health now limit you in these activities? If so, how much?

A. Moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling, or playing golf ................. ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3
B. Climbing several flights of stairs ............................................................. ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3

19. During the past 4 weeks, have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of your physical health?

A. Accomplished less than you would like .................................................... ☐ 1    ☐ 2
B. Were limited in the kind of work or other activities............................... ☐ 1    ☐ 2

20. During the past 4 weeks, have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of any emotional problems (such as feeling depressed or anxious)?

A. Accomplished less than you would like .................................................... ☐ 1    ☐ 2
B. Didn’t do work or other activities as carefully as usual............................ ☐ 1    ☐ 2

21. During the past 4 weeks, how much did pain interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and housework)?

Not At All    A Little Bit    Moderately    Quite a Bit    Extremely
☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4    ☐ 5

22. These questions are about how you feel and how things have been with you during the past 4 weeks. For each question, please give the one answer that comes closest to the way you have been feeling. How much of the time during the past 4 weeks –

A. Have you felt calm and peaceful?.............................................. ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4    ☐ 5    ☐ 6
B. Did you have a lot of energy?.................................................... ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4    ☐ 5    ☐ 6
C. Have you felt downhearted and blue? ...................... ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4    ☐ 5    ☐ 6
23. During the **past 4 weeks**, how much of the time has your **physical health or emotional problems** interfered with your social activities (like visiting with friends, relatives, etc.)?

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**OPINIONS ABOUT HEALTH**

24. For each of the following statements, please check one of the boxes to indicate how strongly you **AGREE or DISAGREE** with the statement.

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<td>A. I’m healthy enough that I really don’t need health insurance.</td>
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<td>B. Health insurance is not worth the money it costs.</td>
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<td>C. I’m more likely to take risks than the average person...</td>
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<td>D. I can overcome illness without help from a medically trained person.</td>
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**DAILY ACTIVITIES**

25. By placing a check in one box in each group below, please indicate which statement best describes your own health state today.

A. **Mobility**
   - I have no problems in walking about.......... ❑ 1
   - I have some problems in walking about .... ❑ 2
   - I am confined to bed ................................ ❑ 3

B. **Self-Care**
   - I have no problems with self-care .......... ❑ 1
   - I have some problems washing or dressing myself ............................................ ❑ 2
   - I am unable to wash or dress myself ....... ❑ 3

C. **Usual Activities** (e.g., work, study, housework, family or leisure activities)
   - I have no problems with performing my usual activities ............................................ ❑ 1
   - I have some problems with performing my usual activities ............................................ ❑ 2
   - I am unable to perform my usual activities ❑ 3

D. **Pain/Discomfort**
   - I have no pain or discomfort ................. ❑ 1
   - I have moderate pain or discomfort......... ❑ 2
   - I have extreme pain or discomfort .......... ❑ 3

E. **Anxiety/Depression**
   - I am not anxious or depressed ............... ❑ 1
   - I am moderately anxious or depressed ...... ❑ 2
   - I am extremely anxious or depressed......... ❑ 3
26. Compared with my general level of health over the past 12 months, my health state today is: .............................................. [ ] 1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3

27. To help people say how good or bad a health state is, we have drawn a scale (rather like a thermometer) on which the best state you can imagine is marked by 100 and the worst state you can imagine is marked by 0. We would like you to indicate on this scale how good or bad your own health is today, in your opinion. Please do this by drawing a line from the circle below to whichever point on the scale indicates how good or bad your current health state is.

**YOUR OWN HEALTH STATE TODAY**

![Health State Scale]

If this booklet was not completed by the person named on page 1, who completed it: __________________________________________________________________

What is this person’s relationship to the person named on page 1: ____________________________________

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

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