Your Health and Health Opinions
Your opinion matters!

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.

◆ You are sometimes told to skip over some questions in this survey. When this happens you will see arrows that tell you what questions to answer next, like this:

1 ✔ Yes
2 ☐ No → Skip to Question 3

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 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.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Your Health Care in the Last 12 Months

1. In the last 12 months, did you have an illness, injury, or condition that needed care right away in a clinic, emergency room, or doctor’s office?
   1  Yes
   2  No  ➔ Skip to Question 3

2. In the last 12 months, when you needed care right away how often did you get care as soon as you thought you needed?
   1  Never
   2  Sometimes
   3  Usually
   4  Always

3. In the last 12 months, not counting the times you needed care right away, did you make any appointments for your health care at a doctor’s office or clinic?
   1  Yes
   2  No  ➔ Skip to Question 5

4. In the last 12 months, not counting the times you needed care right away, how often did you get an appointment for your health care at a doctor’s office or clinic as soon as you thought you needed?
   1  Never
   2  Sometimes
   3  Usually
   4  Always

5. In the last 12 months, not counting the times you went to an emergency room, how many times did you go to a doctor’s office or clinic to get health care for yourself?
   0  None  ➔ Skip to Question 13
   1  1
   2  2
   3  3
   4  4
   5  5 to 9
   6  10 or more

6. In the last 12 months, did you or a doctor believe you needed any care, tests, or treatment?
   1  Yes
   2  No  ➔ Skip to Question 8

7. In the last 12 months, how often was it easy to get the care, tests, or treatment you or a doctor believed necessary?
   1  Never
   2  Sometimes
   3  Usually
   4  Always

8. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers listen carefully to you?
   1  Never
   2  Sometimes
   3  Usually
   4  Always

9. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers explain things in a way that was easy to understand?
   1  Never
   2  Sometimes
   3  Usually
   4  Always

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10. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers show respect for what you had to say?
   1. Never
   2. Sometimes
   3. Usually
   4. Always

11. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers spend enough time with you?
   1. Never
   2. Sometimes
   3. Usually
   4. Always

12. Using any number from 0 to 10 where 0 is the worst health care possible and 10 is the best health care possible, what number would you use to rate all your health care in the last 12 months?
   - 0 Worst health care possible
   - 1
   - 2
   - 3
   - 4
   - 5
   - 6
   - 7
   - 8
   - 9
   - 10 Best health care possible

13. Do you currently smoke?
   1. Yes
   2. No  → Skip to Question 15

14. In the last 12 months did a doctor advise you to quit smoking?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Had no visits in the last 12 months

15. In the last 2 years, has your blood pressure been checked by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional?
   1. Yes
   2. No

Getting Health Care from a Specialist

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

16. 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?
   1. Yes
   2. No  → Skip to Question 18

17. In the last 12 months, how often was it easy to see a specialist that you needed to see?
   1. Never
   2. Sometimes
   3. Usually
   4. Always

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General Health

18. In general, would you say your health is:
   1. Excellent
   2. Very good
   3. Good
   4. Fair
   5. Poor

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

19. Moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling, or playing golf
   1. Yes, limited a lot
   2. Yes, limited a little
   3. No, not limited at all

20. Climbing several flights of stairs
   1. Yes, limited a lot
   2. Yes, limited a little
   3. No, not limited at all

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

21. Accomplished less than you would like
   1. All of the time
   2. Most of the time
   3. Some of the time
   4. A little of the time
   5. None of the time

22. Were limited in the kind of work or other activities
   1. All of the time
   2. Most of the time
   3. Some of the time
   4. A little of the time
   5. None of the time

During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time 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)?

23. Accomplished less than you would like
   1. All of the time
   2. Most of the time
   3. Some of the time
   4. A little of the time
   5. None of the time

24. Did work or other activities less carefully than usual
   1. All of the time
   2. Most of the time
   3. Some of the time
   4. A little of the time
   5. None of the time

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

1. Not at all
2. A little bit
3. Moderately
4. Quite a bit
5. Extremely

26. Have you felt calm and peaceful?

1. All of the time
2. Most of the time
3. Some of the time
4. A little of the time
5. None of the time

27. Did you have a lot of energy?

1. All of the time
2. Most of the time
3. Some of the time
4. A little of the time
5. None of the time

28. Have you felt downhearted and depressed?

1. All of the time
2. Most of the time
3. Some of the time
4. A little of the time
5. None of the time

29. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your social activities (like visiting friends, relatives, etc.)?

1. All of the time
2. Most of the time
3. Some of the time
4. A little of the time
5. None of the time
The following questions ask about how you have been feeling during the **past 30 days**. For each question, please place a check mark in the box that best describes how often you had this feeling.

### During the past 30 days, about how often did you feel...

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<th>All of the time</th>
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<td>31. ...hopeless?</td>
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<td>32. ...restless or fidgety?</td>
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<td>33. ...so sad that nothing could cheer you up?</td>
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<td>35. ...worthless?</td>
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The following two questions ask about how you have been feeling in the **past 2 weeks**.

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

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<th>Nearly every day</th>
<th>More than half the days</th>
<th>Several days</th>
<th>Not at all</th>
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<td>36. Little interest or pleasure in doing things.</td>
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<td>37. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless.</td>
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Opinions about Health

For items 38-41, please check one of the boxes to indicate how strongly you agree or disagree for each statement. If you are uncertain, check the box for uncertain (□).

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Statement</th>
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<th>Uncertain</th>
<th>Agree somewhat</th>
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<td>38.</td>
<td>I’m healthy enough that I really don’t need health insurance.</td>
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<td>39.</td>
<td>Health insurance is not worth the money it costs.</td>
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<td>40.</td>
<td>I’m more likely to take risks than the average person.</td>
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<td>41.</td>
<td>I can overcome illness without help from a medically trained person.</td>
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Date completed: ________________________________

If this booklet was not completed by the person named on the front, who completed it: ________________________________

What is this person’s relationship to the person named on the front: ________________________________

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

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