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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 PHSA (COBRA) or state continuation-of-benefits laws.

If this is a self-insured plan, report the premium equivalent.

For an explanation of these terms, see the definition sheet included with this package.

1. Did your government unit or some other government unit provide health insurance coverage to any person who RETIRED from your government unit in 2015 OR BEFORE, or to any of their survivors?

If PHSA (COBRA) was the only coverage offered, mark "No".

551 1 Yes – This government unit - Continue with Question 2

4 Yes – Another government unit ↘

672

Enter name of other government unit

Continue with Question 2 if information is available. Otherwise Skip to Page 3, Section D.

551 2 No

3 Don't know

SKIP to Page 3, Section D

2. In a TYPICAL month, how many retirees were enrolled in health insurance through your government unit?

513

Number of retirees enrolled

If number of retirees enrolled is "0", SKIP to Page 3, Section D.

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Section C – RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS – Continued

Use the two columns below to report the information for EACH QUESTION by age category.

- The first column is the information for each question as it pertains to retirees UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE.
- The second column is the information for each question as it pertains to retirees AGE 65 YEARS OR OVER.

	UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE	AGE 65 YEARS OR OVER
<p><i>Exclude any retirees that have coverage through PHSA (COBRA) or state continuation-of-benefits laws.</i></p> <p>3a. Were any of the retirees with coverage, reported in Question 2, under 65 years of age or age 65 years or over?</p>	<p>628</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>629</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> No – SKIP to Question 4a</p>
<p>b. In a TYPICAL MONTH, what was the TOTAL number of retirees, by age category, enrolled in health insurance through your government unit in 2015?</p>	<p>572</p> <p><input type="text"/> Total under 65</p>	<p>578</p> <p><input type="text"/> Total 65 or over</p>
<p>c. What percentage of these retirees, by age category, were ENROLLED in SINGLE coverage?</p>	<p>573</p> <p><input type="text"/> % Percent enrolled in single</p>	<p>579</p> <p><input type="text"/> % Percent enrolled in single</p>
<p>d. For a typical plan in 2015, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT CONTRIBUTE, by age category, toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?</p>	<p>574</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>	<p>580</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>
<p>e. For this same plan, how much did this typical RETIREE with SINGLE coverage CONTRIBUTE, by age category, toward his/her monthly plan premium?</p>	<p>651</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>	<p>653</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>
<p>f. For this same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium, by age category, for this typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?</p>	<p>575</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>	<p>581</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>
<p>g. For a typical plan in 2015, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT CONTRIBUTE, by age category, toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?</p> <p><i>For retirees, if premium varied by family size, report for a family of two.</i></p>	<p>576</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>	<p>582</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>
<p>h. For this same plan, how much did this typical RETIREE with FAMILY coverage CONTRIBUTE, by age category, toward his/her monthly plan premium?</p>	<p>652</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>	<p>654</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>
<p>i. For this same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium, by age category, for this typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?</p>	<p>577</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>	<p>583</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/> .00</p>
NEW RETIREES		
<p><i>For Questions 4a through 4c, NEW RETIREES refers to persons who retired from your government unit in 2015.</i></p> <p><i>Exclude any retirees that have coverage through PHSA (COBRA) or state continuation-of-benefits laws.</i></p> <p>4a. Did your government unit offer health insurance to any NEW RETIREES?</p>	<p>630</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Continue with Question 4b</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>	<p>SKIP to Page 3, Section D</p>
<p>b. Were NEW RETIREES under 65 years of age eligible for health insurance?</p>	<p>631</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>	
<p>c. Were NEW RETIREES 65 years of age or over eligible for health insurance?</p>	<p>632</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>	

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Section D - EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Estimates are acceptable for all employment, eligibility, and enrollment figures.
 Include full-time, part-time, temporary, and seasonal employees.

1a. How many ACTIVE employees were on your government unit's payroll for a TYPICAL pay period in 2015?

740

All employees

If insurance not offered, SKIP to Question 2a.

b. How many of these ACTIVE employees were ELIGIBLE for at least one health plan through your government unit in 2015?

201

Eligible employees

c. How many of these ACTIVE employees were ENROLLED in ANY health plan through your government unit?

202

Enrolled employees

2a. For the same TYPICAL pay period in 2015, how many employees reported in Question 1a worked PART-TIME?

759

Part-time employees

If insurance not offered, SKIP to Question 3.

If none, enter "0".

b. How many of these PART-TIME employees were ELIGIBLE for at least one health plan through your government unit?

204

Eligible part-time employees

c. How many of these PART-TIME employees were ENROLLED in ANY health plan through your government unit?

205

Enrolled part-time employees

3. How many of the employees reported in Question 1a worked less than 30 hours per week?

742

Employees worked less than 30 hours

743

No employees worked less than 30 hours

If insurance not offered, SKIP to Question 5a.

4. If your government unit offered health insurance, what was the minimum number of hours per week that an employee had to work in order to be eligible for health insurance?

626

Minimum hours worked per week to be eligible

721

No minimum number of hours required

Provide information for a TYPICAL pay period in 2015.

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

5a. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were union members?

018

 %

Union members

729

No union members

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

016

 %

Women employees

If none, enter "0".

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

017

 %

Employees 50 years old or older

If none, enter "0".

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Section D - EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS - Continued

5d. For the employees at this government unit in 2015, approximately what percentage earned -
If none, enter "0".

Less than \$11.50 per hour?
Approximately \$24,000 a year or less

Between \$11.50 and \$28.00 per hour?
Approximately \$24,000 to \$58,000 a year

More than \$28.00 per hour?
Approximately \$58,000 a year or more

022 %

Earned less than \$11.50 per hour

023 %

Earned between \$11.50 and \$28.00 per hour

024 %

Earned more than \$28.00 per hour

6. For the employees at this government unit in 2015, approximately how many earned more than \$43.50 per hour?

Approximately \$90,000 a year or more

726

Number of employees that earned more than \$43.50 per hour

Section E - FRINGE BENEFITS CHARACTERISTICS

1. Did your government unit offer the following fringe benefits to its employees in 2015?

If Paid Time Off (PTO) is offered, Mark (X) Yes for paid vacation AND paid sick leave.

	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"/>

2. Did your government unit offer any of these tax-advantaged benefits to its employees in 2015?

See the definition sheet MEPS-20(D) included with this package for an explanation of these benefits.

These plans are also known as Section 125 Cafeteria Plans.

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know (3)
027 Employee contributions to health insurance made on a pre-tax basis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
056 Flexible SPENDING Accounts (FSA) for healthcare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
057 Flexible Benefits Plans Full cafeteria plans that offer employees a set of benefits from which to choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section F - GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

1a. Which of the listed optional coverage services, if any, did your government unit offer to its ACTIVE employees in 2015 at a premium SEPARATE from the comprehensive health plan premium?

Report single service insurance plans only.

Long-term care insurance helps cover the cost of institutional and home care required by the chronically ill or disabled.

Do not include single services covered under a comprehensive health plan.

Mark (X) all that apply.

192 <input type="checkbox"/>	Dental	} Continue with Question 1b
193 <input type="checkbox"/>	Vision	
194 <input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription drugs	
195 <input type="checkbox"/>	Long-term care	
562 <input type="checkbox"/>	No optional coverage - SKIP to Page 5, Question 2	

b. What was the total amount paid for OPTIONAL COVERAGE for all ACTIVE employees during a TYPICAL MONTH at THIS GOVERNMENT UNIT in 2015?

Include both employee and government unit contributions.

720 \$.00

Monthly optional coverage cost

Continue with Page 5, Question 2

Section F - GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS - Continued

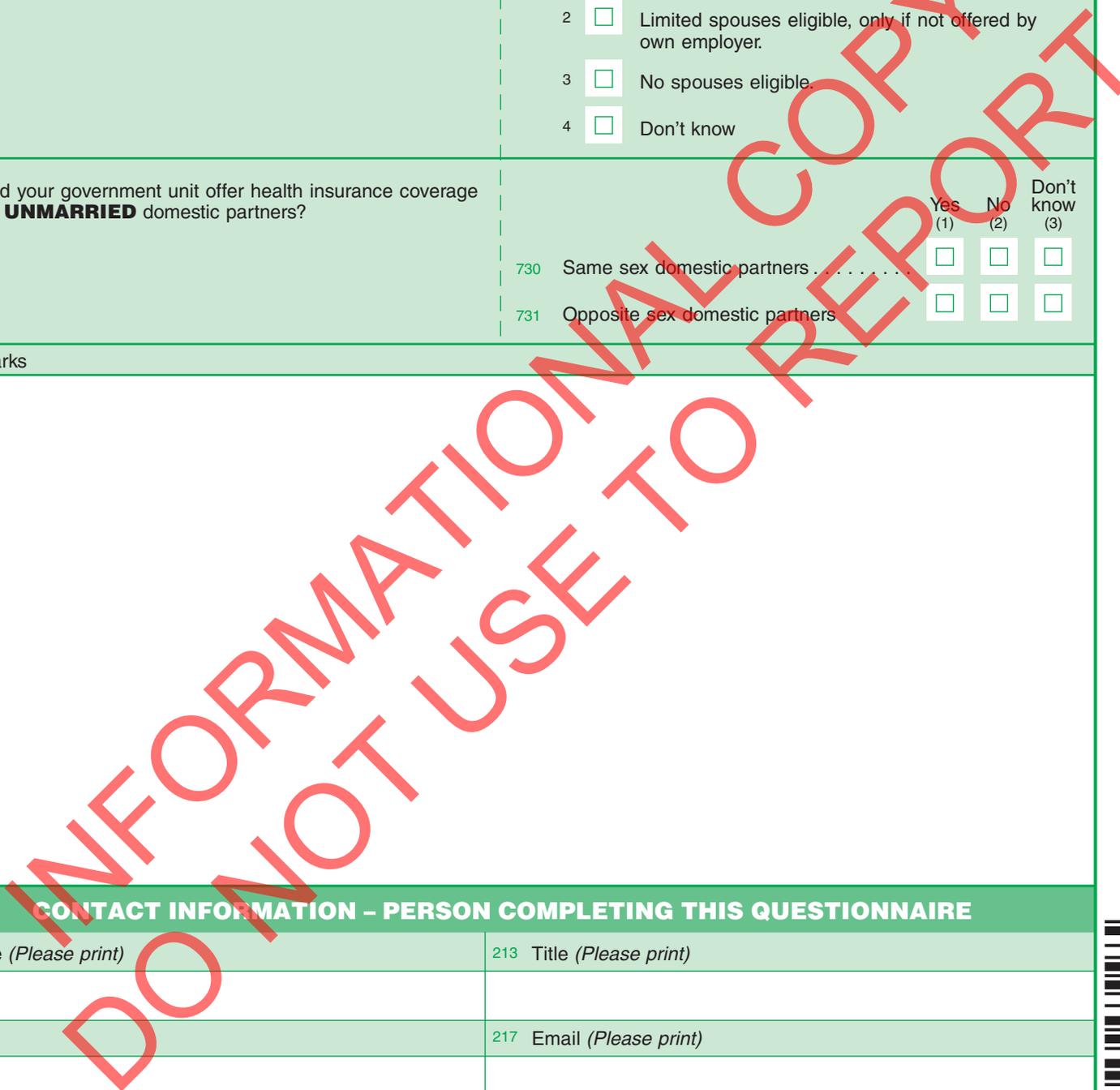
2. Were employees' SPOUSES eligible for health insurance coverage?

- 745 5 All spouses eligible, greater employee contribution if spouse eligible through own employer.
- 6 All spouses eligible, same contribution.
- 7 All spouses eligible, don't know contribution.
- 2 Limited spouses eligible, only if not offered by own employer.
- 3 No spouses eligible.
- 4 Don't know

3. Did your government unit offer health insurance coverage to UNMARRIED domestic partners?

- | | Yes
(1) | No
(2) | Don't know
(3) |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 730 Same sex domestic partners | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 731 Opposite sex domestic partners | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

500 Remarks



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