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## User's Guide

## Medicare Health

## OUTCOMES SURVEY-MODIFIED



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## Preface

## Medicare Health Outcomes Survey

The Centers for Medicare \& Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to monitoring healthcare quality provided by its programs. The overall focus of the Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS), in particular, is to gather valid and reliable health status data to assess a Medicare Advantage Organization's (MAO) ability to maintain or improve the physical and mental health of its Medicare beneficiaries over time. Since 1998, baseline data are collected from a new cohort annually with one re-measurement two years later.

## Medicare Health Outcomes Survey-Modified

The Medicare Health Outcomes Survey-Modified (HOS-M) was fielded for the first time in the spring of 2005. It is a modified version of the Medicare HOS that is administered annually by CMS to frail elderly and dual-eligible beneficiaries (i.e., recipients of both Medicare and Medicaid) in PACE Organizations, as well as Minnesota Senior Health Options, Minnesota Disability Health Options, Wisconsin Partnership Program, and Massachusetts Health Senior Care Options Special Needs Plans for the purpose of adjusting plan payments based on the frailty of their members.

Similar to HOS, the HOS-M design is based on a randomly selected sample of individuals from each participating PACE Organization and Special Needs Plan (SNP). Unlike the HOS, the HOS-M is a cross-sectional survey that measures the physical and mental health functioning of beneficiaries at a single point in time without a follow-up.

This HOS-M 2008 Data User's Guide is designed to assist users with the beneficiary level HOS-M data file. The Data User's Guide includes an overview of the file organization, an explanation of the derived fields, a table defining the attributes of all fields in the file, and copies of the survey instrument annotated with the field names in the data file.

## Statutory Authority

Section 722 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization act of 2003 mandates the collection, analysis, and reporting of health outcomes information. This legislation also specifies that data collected on quality, outcomes, and beneficiary satisfaction to facilitate consumer choice and program administration must utilize the types of data collected prior to November 1, 2003. Collected since 1998, the Medicare HOS is the only patient-reported outcomes measure in Medicare managed care and therefore remains a critical part of assessing health plan quality. In addition, CMS includes the HOS results as one component of Medicare Options Compare, a web-based tool that helps inform beneficiaries about Medicare enrollment choices. CMS incorporates new survey components in HOS, as appropriate, in order to provide outcome measures that QIOs and MAOs can utilize in quality improvement initiatives.

## Technical Assistance

The Medicare HOS Information and Technical Support Telephone Line (1-888-880-0077) and the HOS e-mail address (hos@azqio.sdps.org) are available to provide assistance with questions regarding the data file.

# Methodology and Design 

## SAMPLING METHODOLOGY

A total of 52 PACE Organizations and SNPs participated in the HOS-M in 2008. Members were defined as eligible for the HOS-M if they were enrolled in a participating HOS-M plan, resided in the community, did not have End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), and were over age 65 in some plan categories and age 55 and over in others. Except for the SNPs under the Massachusetts Health Senior Care Options which enrolled members aged 65 and over, all other plans had members aged 55 and over. In general, for eligible plans with Medicare populations of 1,400 or more members, a simple random cross-sectional sample of 1,200 members was selected for the survey (i.e., the survey is not a cohort study). For eligible plans with populations of less than 1,400 members, all eligible members were included in the HOS-M sample.

The definition of a completed survey, and hence the response rate, depends on the context. For this HOS-M report, a completed survey is defined as one for which a PCS or MCS score could be calculated. However, for purposes of frailty adjustment, a completed survey is defined as one in which all six Activities of Daily Living (ADL) questions are answered. For the 2008 HOS-M sample size and response rate information, please refer to the HOS-M section in the HOS website.

For a more detailed discussion on sampling, data collection, and submission, please refer to the HEDIS 2008 Volume 6 manual. ${ }^{1}$

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## Medicare HOS-M Instrument

The HOS-M instrument contains Activity of Daily Living (ADL) items as the core items used to calculate the frailty adjustment factor. ${ }^{2}$ The HOS-M instrument also contains the Veterans RAND 12-Item Health Survey (VR-12) to further assess the physical and mental health functioning of the PACE Organization and SNP members. ${ }^{3,4}$ The HOS-M includes questions about the following: lifting or carrying objects as heavy as 10 pounds; walking a quarter mile; health or physical problems interfering with daily activities, receiving help with ADLs; physical and emotional health compared to one year ago; memory loss; urinary incontinence; and a question on whether the survey was self-completed or completed by a proxy. If the participant received assistance completing the survey, the proxy respondent was asked information about his/her relationship to the participant.

Detailed information about the Medicare HOS-M instrument can be found in the HEDIS 2008 Volume 6 manual. This may be purchased by calling the NCQA Customer Support Telephone Line at 1-888-272-7585 or via NCQA’s Secure Online Order Center (www.ncqa.org). The survey form may be obtained from the Survey Instrument section of the HOS website (www.hosonline.org). Additionally, a glossary of terms related to the survey may be accessed from the Program Overview section of the HOS website.

## Summary Measures

The key component of the HOS-M is the VR-12 health survey. The VR-12 was developed from the Veterans RAND 36-Item Health Survey (VR-36; formerly called the Veterans SF-36). The VR-12 is a generic, multipurpose health survey, which consists of selected items from the eight domains of health in the earlier 36-item survey. These domains include: physical functioning; role-physical; bodily pain; general health; vitality; social functioning; role-emotional; and mental health. The VR-12 has been administered in national Veterans Administration (VA) surveys since 1997. Since 2002, the VA has administered the VR-12 to over 400,000 patients annually as part of its quality management program.

[^1]The VR-12 has undergone extensive testing which has shown it to be reliable and valid in ambulatory care patient populations. ${ }^{5}$ The taxonomy underlying the construction of the VR-12 summary measures is comprised of a total of 14 items from which the eight domains aggregate one or two items each, and the Physical Component Summary (PCS) and Mental Component Summary (MCS) scores. The VR-12 explains $90 \%$ of the reliable variance of the VR-36. PCS and MCS scores are standardized to the U.S. population and are 1990 norm-based, so that scores have a direct interpretation in relation to the distribution of scores in the U.S. population, which have a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 10 .

The PCS and MCS scores were calculated using the Modified Regression Estimate (MRE). ${ }^{5}$ The MRE is a general method for obtaining scale scores for the eight domains in the context of missing data. The MRE uses complete cases to estimate a regression equation where only those items that are present are used. Depending on the pattern of missing item responses, a different set of regression weights is required. For the HOS-M report, the PCS and MCS scores were not adjusted for case mix variables, i.e., demographic characteristics.

Very high PCS scores (scale 0-100) indicate no physical limitations, disabilities or decline in well being; high energy level; and a rating of health as "excellent." Very high MCS scores (scale $0-100$ ) indicate frequent positive affect, absence of psychological distress, and no limitations in usual social and role activities due to emotional problems.

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## Data File Characteristics

The file is a Comma Separated Value (CSV) file and was generated using PROC EXPORT with the DBMS=CSV option in SAS Version 9.1.3. The first row of the file contains the SAS variable names. The file can be imported directly into MS Excel or MS Access or converted back to SAS. If converting to SAS with PROC IMPORT, it is recommended to first set the SAS system option GUESSINGROWS to a high number (valid values 1-32767) to insure that character fields will not be truncated.

The 2008 HOS-M data file contains 92 fields. Field names contain the prefix M11, which corresponds to the current round of HOS data collection. The only field without a prefix is the Health Insurance Claim number HICNUM, which is a unique alphanumeric identifier used to identify each beneficiary in the file.

## Field Overview

The following is a general description of fields included in the Performance Measurement data file. The fields are listed in the order they appear in the file.

## Identifier Fields (Fields 1-3)

This section contains the HICNUM, which is a unique alphanumeric identifier used to identify each beneficiary in the file. It also contains an anonymous beneficiary ID (M11PATID) and an anonymous plan ID (M11PLAN).

## Sample File Fields (Fields 4-27)

This section contains contact, demographic, and other member level data for the sampled beneficiaries submitted in the Sample File by the survey vendor. These fields are obtained from the CMS Medicare Databases. None are obtained from the survey instrument. The plan name, M11PLANNM, and plan ID, M11PLANID, represent each member's plan assignment at the time of sampling in 2008.

Survey Instrument Fields (Fields 28-70)
This section contains the member level responses collected from the 19 questions in the survey instrument. The following fields comprise the VR-12 survey, which is used to compute the PCS and MCS scores: M11VRGENHTH, M11VRMACT, M11VRSTAIR, M11VRPACCL, M11VRPWORK, M11VRMACCL, M11VRMWORK, M11VRPAIN, M11VRCALM, M11VRENERGY, M11VRDOWN, and M11VRSACT.

## Vendor Generated Fields (Fields 71-75)

This section contains member level survey administration fields generated by the survey vendor.

## Derived Fields (Fields 76-87)

This section contains the following fields: flag to indicate completed surveys, flag to indicate ineligible surveys, dates in SAS date format, age, age and race categories, PCS and MCS scores, and flag to indicate membership in the analytic sample. Age is calculated by counting the number of months between the SAS date fields M11TDOB and M11TSVDATIM, then dividing the result by 12 to produce an integer value for the whole number of years for the beneficiary's age.

## Plan Level Fields (Fields 88-92)

This section contains plan level fields obtained from the CMS Monthly Report of Managed Care Health Plans from the website http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MCRAdvPartDEnrolData. The Plan state and Plan region are obtained from the 2008 NCQA Plan Contract List.

## APPENDIX A

## Data File Layout by Position

| $\begin{gathered} \text { FIELD } \\ \# \end{gathered}$ | FIELD NAME/ DESCRIPTION | FIELD TYPE | FIELD <br> LENGTH | VALID <br> VALUES | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | HICNUM HIC Number | Char | 11 |  | Unique beneficiary identifier |
| 2 | M11PATID <br> Anonymous <br> Beneficiary ID | Num | 8 |  | Derived field. <br> Could be used as a database <br> key if personally identifiable fields (e.g., <br> HICNUM) were removed. |
| 3 | M11PLAN <br> Anonymous Plan ID | Num | 8 |  | Derived field. <br> Could be used as a database key if plan identifiable fields (e.g., M11PLANID) were removed. |
| 4 | M11PLANNM Plan Name | Char | 60 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 5 | M11PLANTYPE Plan Type | Char | 8 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 6 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M11PLANID } \\ & \text { Plan ID } \end{aligned}$ | Char | 5 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 7 | M11FNAME <br> Member First Name | Char | 30 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 8 | M11MIDINIT Member Middle Initial | Char | 1 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 9 | M11LNAME <br> Member Last Name | Char | 35 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 10 | M11ADDRS1 <br> Address 1 | Char | 25 |  | Obtained from the Sample File <br> Address fields <br> M11ADDRS1-M11ADDRS6 come from CMS administrative database. |
| 11 | M11ADDRS2 <br> Address 2 | Char | 25 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 12 | M11ADDRS3 <br> Address 3 | Char | 25 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 13 | M11ADDRS4 <br> Address 4 | Char | 25 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 14 | M11ADDRS5 <br> Address 5 | Char | 25 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 15 | M11ADDRS6 Address 6 | Char | 25 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |


| $\frac{\text { FieLd }}{\#}$ | Field NAME/ | Field | FIELD | VALID | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \hline \text { M11DOB } \\ \text { Date of Birth } \end{array}$ | Char | 10 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 17 | M11GENDER Gender | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { Male } \\ & 2=\text { Female } \end{aligned}$ | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 18 | M11RACE Race | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0=\text { Unknown } \\ & 1=\text { White } \\ & 2=\text { Black } \\ & 3=\text { Other } \\ & 4=\text { Asian } \\ & 5=\text { Hispanic } \\ & 6=\text { North American Native } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 19 | M11ADDRSS Participant Street | Char | 65 |  | Obtained from the Sample File <br> Address Fields: M11ADDRSS, M11CITY, M11STATE, and M11ZIP come from the Contact Data File developed by small plans, which may be more up to date than the CMS databases. |
| 20 | M11CITY <br> Participant City | Char | 25 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 21 | M11STATE <br> Participant State | Char | 20 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 22 | M11ZIP <br> Participant Zip Code | Char | 20 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 23 | M11BENELANG Participant Primary Language | Char | 35 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 24 | M11RCVOMAIL <br> Participant Receives Own Mail | Char | 35 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 25 | M11LVINFAC <br> Participant Lives in Facility | Char | 40 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 26 | M11SHAREPH <br> Participant Shares a Phone | Char | 13 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 27 | M11PACECTR <br> PACE Center, Care <br> System, or Center <br> Attended | Char | 55 |  | Obtained from the Sample File |
| 28 | M11VRGENHTH Q1 General Health | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { Excellent } \\ & 2=\text { Very Good } \\ & 3=\text { Good } \\ & 4=\text { Fair } \\ & 5=\text { Poor } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |


| Field | FieLd NAME/ | Field | Field | VALID | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \# | DESCRIPTION | Type | LENGTH | VALUES |  |
| 29 | M11DIFCARRY <br> Q2 Difficulty Lifting <br> 10 Pounds | Num | 8 | $1=$ No difficulty at all <br> $2=$ A little difficulty <br> 3 = Some difficulty <br> 4 = A lot of difficulty <br> $5=$ Not able to do it | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 30 | M11DIFBLKS <br> Q3 Difficulty <br> Walking 2-3 Blocks | Num | 8 | $1=$ No difficulty at all <br> $2=$ A little difficulty <br> 3 = Some difficulty <br> 4 = A lot of difficulty <br> $5=$ Not able to do it | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 31 | M11ADLBTH Q4a Difficulty Bathing | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { No, I do not have difficulty } \\ & 2=\text { Yes, I have difficulty } \\ & 3=\text { I am unable to do this } \\ & \quad \text { activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 32 | M11ADLDRS Q4b Difficulty Dressing | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} 1 & =\text { No, I do not have difficulty } \\ 2 & =\text { Yes, I have difficulty } \\ 3 & =\text { I am unable to do this } \\ & \quad \text { activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 33 | M11ADLEAT <br> Q4c Difficulty Eating | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { No, I do not have difficulty } \\ & 2=\text { Yes, I have difficulty } \\ & 3=\text { I am unable to do this } \\ & \quad \text { activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 34 | M11ADLCHR <br> Q4d Difficulty In/Out Chairs | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { No, I do not have difficulty } \\ & 2=\text { Yes, I have difficulty } \\ & 3=\text { I am unable to do this } \\ & \quad \text { activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 35 | M11ADLWLK Q4e Difficulty Walking | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { No, I do not have difficulty } \\ & 2=\text { Yes, I have difficulty } \\ & 3=\text { I am unable to do this } \\ & \quad \text { activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 36 | M11ADLTLT <br> Q4f Difficulty Using Toilet | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { No, I do not have difficulty } \\ & 2=\text { Yes, I have difficulty } \\ & 3=\text { I am unable to do this } \\ & \quad \text { activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 37 | M11HLPBTH Q5a Receive Help Bathing | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { Yes, I receive help } \\ & 2=\text { No, I do not receive help } \\ & 3=\text { I do not do this activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 38 | M11HLPDRE <br> Q5b Receive Help Dressing | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { = Yes, I receive help } \\ & 2=\text { No, I do not receive help } \\ & 3=\text { I do not do this activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 39 | M11HLPEAT Q5c Receive Help Eating | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { = Yes, I receive help } \\ & 2=\text { No, I do not receive help } \\ & 3=\text { I do not do this activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 40 | M11HLPCHR Q5d Receive Help In/Out Chairs | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { Yes, I receive help } \\ & 2=\text { No, I do not receive help } \\ & 3=\text { I do not do this activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 41 | M11HLPWLK Q5e Receive Help Walking | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { Yes, I receive help } \\ & 2=\text { No, I do not receive help } \\ & 3=\text { I do not do this activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 42 | M11HLPTLT Q5f Receive Help Using Toilet | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { = Yes, I receive help } \\ & 2=\text { No, I do not receive help } \\ & 3=\text { I do not do this activity } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |


| Field | Field NAME/ | Field | FIELD | Valid | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \# | DESCRIPTION | TYPE | LENGTH | VALUES |  |
| 43 | M11VRMACT <br> Q6a Limited <br> Moderate Activities | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \hline 1 \text { = Yes, limited a lot } \\ & 2=\text { Yes, limited a little } \\ & 3=\text { No, not limited at all } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 44 | M11VRSTAIR Q6b Limited Climbing Several Stairs | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { = Yes, limited a lot } \\ & 2=\text { Yes, limited a little } \\ & 3=\text { No, not limited at all } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 45 | M11VRPACCL Q7a Physical Health Accomplished Less | Num | 8 | 1 = No, none of the time <br> $2=$ Yes, a little of the time <br> 3 = Yes, some of the time <br> $4=$ Yes, most of the time <br> 5 = Yes, all of the time | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 46 | M11VRPWORK <br> Q7b Physical Health <br> Limited Work <br> Activities | Num | 8 | 1 = No, none of the time <br> $2=$ Yes, a little of the time <br> 3 = Yes, some of the time <br> $4=$ Yes, most of the time <br> 5 = Yes, all of the time | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 47 | M11VRMACCL <br> Q8a Emotional <br> Problems <br> Accomplished Less | Num | 8 | 1 = No, none of the time <br> $2=$ Yes, a little of the time <br> $3=$ Yes, some of the time <br> 4 = Yes, most of the time <br> $5=$ Yes, all of the time | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 48 | M11VRMWORK <br> Q8b Emotional Problems Work Not Careful | Num | 8 | 1 = No, none of the time <br> $2=$ Yes, a little of the time <br> 3 = Yes, some of the time <br> $4=$ Yes, most of the time <br> 5 = Yes, all of the time | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 49 | M11VRPAIN Q9 Pain Interfere Past 4 Weeks | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1=\text { Not at all } \\ & 2=\text { A little bit } \\ & 3=\text { Moderately } \\ & 4=\text { Quite a bit } \\ & 5=\text { Extremely } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 50 | M11VRCALM Q10a Past 4 Weeks Felt Calm/Peaceful | Num | 8 | 1 = All of the time <br> $2=$ Most of the time <br> 3 = A good bit of the time <br> $4=$ Some of the time <br> 5 = A little of the time <br> $6=$ None of the time | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 51 | M11VRENERGY <br> Q10b Past 4 Weeks A <br> Lot of Energy | Num | 8 | 1 = All of the time <br> $2=$ Most of the time <br> $3=$ A good bit of the time <br> $4=$ Some of the time <br> 5 = A little of the time <br> $6=$ None of the time | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 52 | M11VRDOWN Q10c Past 4 Weeks Blue or Sad | Num | 8 | 1 = All of the time <br> $2=$ Most of the time <br> 3 = A good bit of the time <br> $4=$ Some of the time <br> $5=$ A little of the time <br> $6=$ None of the time | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |


| $\frac{\text { FIELD }}{\#}$ | Field NAME/ DESCRIPTION | $\frac{\text { FIELD }}{\text { TYPE }}$ | $\frac{\text { FIELD }}{\text { LENGTH }}$ | VALID VALUES | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 53 | M11VRSACT <br> Q11 Past 4 Weeks <br> Phys or Emot <br> Interfere Social <br> Activities | Num | 8 | 1 = All of the time <br> $2=$ Most of the time <br> 3 = Some of the time <br> $4=$ A little of the time <br> $5=$ None of the time | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 54 | M11VRPHCMP Q12 Physical Health Compared with One Year Ago | Num | 8 | 1 = Much better <br> 2 = Slightly better <br> 3 = About the same <br> 4 = Slightly worse <br> 5 = Much worse | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 55 | M11VRMHCMP <br> Q13 Emotional <br> Health Compared with One Year Ago | Num | 8 | 1 = Much better <br> 2 = Slightly better <br> 3 = About the same <br> 4 = Slightly worse <br> 5 = Much worse | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 56 | M11MEMLOSS Q14 Memory Loss Interferes with Daily Activities | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 2=\text { No } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 57 | M11EVERURN Q15 How Often Difficulty Controlling Urination | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { Never } \\ & 2=\text { Less than once a week } \\ & 3=\text { Once a week or more often } \\ & 4=\text { Daily } \\ & 5=\text { Catheter } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 58 | M11CMPWHO Q16 Who Completed Survey Form | Num | 8 | 1 = Medicare participant <br> 2 = Family member, relative, or friend of Medicare Participant <br> 3 = Nurse or other health professional | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 59 | M11PROXRSN1 Q17 Reason Filled Out Due to Physical Problems | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 0=\text { No } \\ & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 7=\text { Appropriately skipped } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 60 | M11PROXRSN2 <br> Q17 Reason Filled Out Due to Memory Loss or Mental Problems | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 0=\text { No } \\ & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 7=\text { Appropriately skipped } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 61 | M11PROXRSN3 Q17 Reason Filled Out Due to Unable to Speak/Read English | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 0=\text { No } \\ & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 7=\text { Appropriately skipped } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 62 | M11PROXRSN4 Q17 Reason Filled Out Due to Person Not Available | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0=\text { No } \\ & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 7=\text { Appropriately skipped } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 63 | M11PROXRSN5 Q17 Reason Filled Out Due to Other | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 0=\text { No } \\ & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 7=\text { Appropriately skipped } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |


| $\frac{\text { FIELD }}{\#}$ | Field NAME/ DESCRIPTION | Field <br> TyPE | $\frac{\text { FIELD }}{\text { LENGTH }}$ | Valid VALUES | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 64 | M11PROXHOW1 Q18 Helped Read Questions to the Person | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0=\text { No } \\ & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 7=\text { Appropriately skipped } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 65 | M11PROXHOW2 Q18 Helped Write Down Answers | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 0=\text { No } \\ & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 7=\text { Appropriately skipped } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 66 | M11PROXHOW3 Q18 Helped Answer Based on Experience with Person | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 0=\text { No } \\ & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 7=\text { Appropriately skipped } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 67 | M11PROXHOW4 <br> Q18 Helped By <br> Using Medical <br> Records to Fill Out Survey | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 0=\text { No } \\ & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 7=\text { Appropriately skipped } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 68 | M11PROXHOW5 Q18 Helped Translate the Survey | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 0=\text { No } \\ & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 7=\text { Appropriately skipped } \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 69 | M11PROXHOW6 Q18 Helped Other | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 0=\text { No } \\ & 1=\text { Yes } \\ & 7=\text { Appropriately skipped } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |
| 70 | M11CAREPOS Q19 Staff/Caregivers Position | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1= \text { Home Health Aide, } \\ & \text { Personal Care } \\ & \text { Attendant, or CNA } \\ & 2= \text { Nurse (RN, LPN, or NP) } \\ & 3= \text { Social Worker or Case } \\ & \text { Manager } \\ & 4= \text { Adult Foster Care, } \\ & \text { Adult Day Care, } \\ & \text { Assisted Living, } \\ & \text { Residential Care Staff } \\ & 5= \text { Interpreter } \\ & 6= \text { Other } \\ & 7= \text { Appropriately skipped } \\ & \hline \hline \end{aligned}$ | Entered from the survey (See Appendix B) |


| FIELD | Field NAME/ | FIELD | Field | VALID | COMMENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \# | DESCRIPTION | TyPE | LENGTH | VALUES |  |
| 71 | M11SRVDSP <br> Disposition of Survey | Char | 3 |  | Generated by the survey vendor <br> Note: For survey disposition codes, M=Mail and $\mathrm{T}=$ Telephone |


| $\frac{\text { FieLd }}{\#}$ | FIELD NAME/ DESCRIPTION | $\frac{\text { FIELD }}{\text { TyPE }}$ | $\frac{\text { FIELD }}{\text { LENGTH }}$ | Valid VALUES | COMMENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 72 | M11RNDNUM Survey Round | Char | 3 |  | Generated by the survey vendor |
| 73 | M11PCTANS <br> Percentage of Survey <br> Questions Answered | Num | 8 |  | Generated by the survey vendor <br> Based on the 31 questions <br> M11VRGENHTH to <br> M11CMPWHO (fields 28- <br> 58) and survey disposition M11SRVDSP <br> If M11SRVDSP = M10, T10, M11, or T11 then M11PCTANS = (Number answered)/31*100 <br> otherwise M11PCTANS=0 |
| 74 | M11SVLANG Survey Language | Char | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{C}=\text { Chinese } \\ & \mathrm{E}=\text { English } \\ & \mathrm{O}=\text { Other } \\ & \mathrm{S}=\text { Spanish } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Generated by the survey vendor |
| 75 | M11SVDATE <br> Date Survey Was Completed | Char | 8 |  | Generated by the survey vendor |
| 76 | M11CMPSRV Completed Survey | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0 \text { = Incomplete Survey } \\ & 1 \text { = Completed Survey } \end{aligned}$ | Derived field. <br> Based on the six ADL questions ADLBTH to ADLTLT (fields 31-36) <br> If all six answered then M11CMPSRV = 1 <br> otherwise M11CMPSRV $=0$ |


| FIELD | Field NAME/ DESCRIPTION | FIELD <br> TYPE | FieLD <br> LENGTH | VALID VALUES | COMMENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 77 | M11INVSRV <br> Ineligible Survey Flag | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0=\text { Eligible } \\ & 1=\text { Ineligible } \end{aligned}$ | Derived field. Ineligible survey includes deceased, members not enrolled in the health plan, members with incorrect address and phone number, or members having a language barrier. |
| 78 | M11TDOB <br> Date of Birth (SAS <br> Date) | Num | 8 |  | Derived field. <br> SAS date equivalent of M11DOB. <br> MMDDYY10. format. |
| 79 | M11TSVDATE <br> Date of Survey (SAS <br> Date) | Num | 8 |  | Derived field. <br> SAS date equivalent of M11SVDATE. <br> MMDDYY10. format. |
| 80 | M11TSVDATIM <br> Date of Survey (SAS <br> Date with Missing <br> Values Imputed) | Num | 8 |  | Derived field. <br> If M11TSVDATE is missing, then M11TSVDATIM $=$ 29APRIL2008 <br> Otherwise <br> M11TSVDATIM=M11TSVDATE |
| 81 | M11TDOELMT <br> Date of Accretion <br> Limit - 03/01/2008 <br> (SAS Date) | Num | 8 |  | Derived field. <br> 03/01/2008 for all records. <br> MMDDYY10. format. |
| 82 | M11AGE <br> Age (Exact Calculation) | Num | 8 |  | Derived field. Calculated from M11TDOB and M11TSVDATIM |
| 83 | M11AGECAT <br> Age Groups (6 Categories from Calculated AGE) | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=55 \text { to } 64 \text { years } \\ & 2=65 \text { to } 69 \text { years } \\ & 3=70 \text { to } 74 \text { years } \\ & 4=75 \text { to } 79 \text { years } \\ & 5=80 \text { to } 84 \text { years } \\ & 6=85 \text { years or older } \end{aligned}$ | Derived field. <br> Obtained from M11AGE |
| 84 | M11RACECAT <br> Race Groups (3 <br> Categories from CMS Race) | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { White } \\ & 2=\text { Black } \\ & 3=\text { Other } \end{aligned}$ | Derived field. <br> Obtained from M11RACE |
| 85 | M11PCS <br> Physical Component <br> Summary Score | Num | 8 |  | Derived field. Unadjusted PCS score. |
| 86 | M11MCS <br> Mental Component <br> Summary Score | Num | 8 |  | Derived field. <br> Unadjusted MCS score. |
| 87 | M11ANALYT <br> Analytic Sample Indicator | Num | 8 | $\begin{gathered} 0=\text { Not included in } \\ \text { analytic sample } \\ 1=\begin{array}{l} \text { Included in analytic } \\ \text { sample } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Derived field. |


| $\begin{gathered} \text { FIELD } \\ \# \end{gathered}$ | Field NAME/ DESCRIPTION | $\frac{\text { FIELD }}{\text { TYPE }}$ | $\frac{\text { FIELD }}{\text { LENGTH }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { VALID } \\ \hline \text { VALUES } \end{gathered}$ | COMMENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 88 | M11PLTYPE <br> Plan Type - source <br> CMS 05/08 | Char | 40 |  | Obtained from CMS |
| 89 | M11PLORGNM <br> Plan Organization <br> Name - source CMS 05/08 | Char | 50 |  | Obtained from CMS |
| 90 | M11PLANSTN <br> Plan State - source <br> NCQA 08/08 | Char | 2 |  | Obtained from the 2008 NCQA Plan Contract List. |
| 91 | M11PLNDCT <br> Duration of Plan Contract Categories | Num | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { less than } 1 \text { year } \\ & 2=1 \text { to } 4 \text { years } \\ & 3=5 \text { to } 9 \text { years } \\ & 4=10 \text { years or more } \end{aligned}$ | Obtained from the 2008 NCQA Plan Contract List. |
| 92 | M11PLREGCDE Plan CMS Region Code | Num | 3 |  | Derived from the 2008 NCQA Plan Contract List. |

# APPENDIX B (Annotated Survey Form) 

## Medicare Health Outcomes Survey—Modified

1. In general, would you say your health is:
Excellent

Very good

Good

Fair

Poor

2. How much difficulty, if any, do you have lifting or carrying objects as heavy as 10 pounds, such as a sack of potatoes?

No difficulty at all


A little difficulty


Some difficulty


M11DIFCARRY
Not able to
A lot of difficulty
 do it

3. How much difficulty, if any, do you have walking a quarter of a mile-that is about 2 or 3 blocks?

No difficulty at
all A little difficulty



Some difficulty


M11DIFBLKS
Not able to
A lot of difficulty
 do it ${ }_{5} \square$
4. Because of a health or physical problem, do you have any difficulty doing the following activities without special equipment or help from another person?

5. Do you receive help from another person with any of these activities?

|  |  | Yes, I receive help | No, I do not receive help | I do not do this activity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Bathing..... | M11HLPBTH |  |  |  |
| b. Dressing.. | M11HLPDRE |  | $\Gamma$ |  |
| c. Eating.... | M11HLPEAT | $\square$ | , | $\Gamma$ |
| d. Getting in or out | M11HLPCHR of chairs |  | , $\square$ |  |
| e. Walking ............ | M11HLPWLK | $\square$ | ${ }_{2}$ |  |
| f. Using the toilet. | M11HLPTLT........... | ${ }_{1} \square$ | ${ }_{2} \square$ | ${ }_{3} \square$ |

6. 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?

## ACTIVITIES

| Yes, | Yes, | No, not |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| limited | limited | limited <br> at all |
| a lot | a little | ai |

a. Moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling, or playing golf



b. Climbing several flights of stairs $\qquad$
7. During the past 4 weeks, have you nad any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of your physical health? (If you are not able to do work or regular daily activities, please answer 'yes, all of the time' to both questions).

| No, <br> none of | Yes, a <br> little of | Yes, <br> some of | Yes, <br> most of <br> the time <br> the time | Yes, all <br> of the |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| the time |  |  |  |  |

a. Accomplished less than you would like $\qquad$ M11VRPACCL

b. Were limited in the kind of work or other activities

8. During the past 4 weeks, have you had any of the following problems with your regular daily activities as a result of any emotional problems (such as feeling depressed or anxious)? (If you are not able to do work or regular daily activities, please answer 'yes, all of the time' to both questions.)

9. During the past 4 weeks, how much did pain interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and hous $\square$

| Not at all | A little bit | Moderately | Quite a bit | Extremely |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ | ${ }_{2} \square$ | ${ }_{3} \square$ | $\square$ | ${ }_{5} \square$ |

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

| All |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| of the | Most <br> of the | A good <br> bit of | Some <br> of the | A little <br> of the | None <br> of the |
| time | time | the time | time | time | time |

a. have you felt calm and peaceful?....
b. did you have a lot of energy?

c. have you felt downhearted and blue?

M11VRDOWN


11. 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.)?


Now, we'd like to ask you some questions about how your health may have changed.
12. Compared to one year ago, how would you rate your physical health in general now?

| Much better | Slightly better | About the same | Slightly worse | M11VRPHCMP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Much worse |

13. Compared to one year ago, how would you rate your emotional problems (such as feeling anxious, depressed or irritable) in general now?

| Much better | Slightly better | About the <br> same | Slightly worse | Much worse |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

14. Do you experience memory loss that interferes with daily activities?


Yes
M11MEMLOSS
15. How often, if ever, do you have difficulty controlling urination (bladder accidents)?
M11EVERURN
Daily Catheter

Never
Less than once a week more often


16. Who completed this survey form?

${ }_{1} \square$
${ }_{2} \square$
${ }_{3} \square$
Medicare Participant
Family member, relative, or friend of Medicare Participant
Nurse or other health professional

M11CMPWHO
$\rightarrow$ STOP HERE
$\rightarrow$ Go to Question 17
$\rightarrow$ Go to Question 17
17. What was the reason you filled out this survey for someone else? (Please answer ALL that apply.)


Physical problemsMemory loss or mental problems
${ }_{3} \square$ Unable to speak or read English
${ }_{4} \square$
Person not available
M11PROXRSN1
M11PROXRSN2


Other

M11PROXRSN3
M11PROXRSN4
M11PROXRSN5
18. How did you help complete this survey? (Please answer ALL that apply.)


Read the questions to the person
${ }_{2} \square$ Wrote down the person's answers


Answered the questions based on my experience with the person


Used medical records to fill out the survey
${ }_{5} \square$
Translated the survey questions
${ }_{6} \square$
Other

M11PROXHOW1
M11PROXHOW2
M11PROXHOW3
M11PROXHOW4
M11PROXHOW5
M11PROXHOW6

## FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF (CAREGIVERS) ONLY

19. Which of the following best describes your position? (Please choose one answer.)
 Home Health Aide, Personal Care Attendant, or Certified Nursing Assistant
 Nurse (RN, LPN, or NP)

Social Worker or Case ManagerAdult Foster Care/Adult Day Care/Assisted Living/Residential Care Staff
Interpreter
${ }_{6} \square$
Other

YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE SURVEY. THANK YOU.


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