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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 2012 OR BEFORE, or to any of their survivors?

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

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1 Yes – This government unit – *Continue with Question 2*

4 Yes – Another government unit ↘

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Enter name of other government unit

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

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2 No

3 Don't know

SKIP to Section D

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

513

Number of retirees enrolled

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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</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 2012?</p>	<p>572</p> <p><input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> Total under 65</p>	<p>578</p> <p><input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" 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 style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> % Percent enrolled in single</p>	<p>579</p> <p><input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> % Percent enrolled in single</p>
<p>d. For a typical plan in 2012, 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 style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>.00</p>	<p>580</p> <p><input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" 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 style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>.00</p>	<p>653</p> <p><input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" 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 style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>.00</p>	<p>581</p> <p><input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>.00</p>
<p>g. For a typical plan in 2012, 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 style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>.00</p>	<p>582</p> <p><input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" 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 style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>.00</p>	<p>654</p> <p><input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" 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 style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>.00</p>	<p>583</p> <p><input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>.00</p>
<p>j. Did a typical plan provide coverage for outpatient prescription drugs for retirees?</p>	<p>724</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>	<p>725</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>
NEW RETIREEES		
<p><i>For Questions 4a through 4c, NEW RETIREEES refers to persons who retired from your government unit in 2012.</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 RETIREEES?</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 style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">} SKIP to Section D</p>
<p>b. Were NEW RETIREEES 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 RETIREEES 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 – HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

1a. Which of the listed optional coverage services, if any, did your government unit offer to its ACTIVE employees in 2012 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 Dental
 - 193 Vision
 - 194 Prescription drugs
 - 195 Long-term care
 - 562 No optional coverage – **SKIP to Section E**
- } Continue with Question 1b

b. What was the total amount paid for OPTIONAL COVERAGE for all ACTIVE employees during a TYPICAL MONTH at THIS GOVERNMENT UNIT in 2012?

Include both employee and government unit contributions.

720

\$

.00

Monthly optional coverage cost

Section E – 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 ELIGIBLE for at least one health plan through your government unit in 2012?

201 **Eligible** employees

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

202 **Enrolled** employees

2a. Did your government unit have any PART-TIME employees in 2012?

- 563
- 1 Yes – Continue with Question 2b
 - 2 No
 - 3 Don't know
- } **SKIP to Question 3**

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. Did your government unit offer health insurance to its temporary or seasonal employees in 2012?

Mark (X) only one.

- 564
- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 4 Government unit has no temporary or seasonal employees
 - 3 Don't know

4. If your government unit offered health insurance, what is the minimum number of hours per week that an employee must 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

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Section F – FRINGE BENEFITS CHARACTERISTICS

		Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know (3)	
1. Did your government unit offer the following fringe benefits to its employees in 2012?	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 2012? <i>See the definition sheet included with this package for an explanation of these benefits.</i> These plans are also known as Section 125 Cafeteria Plans.	627	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 <i>Full cafeteria plans that offer employees a set of benefits from which to choose</i>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Section G – EMPLOYEE CHARACTERISTICS

Provide information for a TYPICAL pay period in 2012. Estimates are acceptable. The following workforce characteristics are used to group similar government units together for analytical purposes.	
1. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were union members?	018 <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> % Union members 729 <input type="checkbox"/> No union members
2. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were women? <i>If none, enter "0".</i>	016 <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> % Women employees
3. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were 50 years old or older? <i>If none, enter "0".</i>	017 <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> % Employees 50 years old or older
4. For the employees at this government unit in 2012, approximately what percentage earned – Less than \$11.50 per hour? Approximately \$24,000 a year or less Between \$11.50 and \$27.00 per hour? Approximately \$24,000 to \$56,000 a year More than \$27.00 per hour? Approximately \$56,000 a year or more	022 <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> % Earned less than \$11.50 per hour 023 <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> % Earned between \$11.50 and \$27.00 per hour 024 <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> % Earned more than \$27.00 per hour
5. For the employees at this government unit in 2012, approximately how many earned more than \$40.00 per hour? Approximately \$83,000 a year or more	726 <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> Number of employees that earned more than \$40.00 per hour

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