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Pre-Exposure Survey for Medicare Plan Finder Study

Questions for all experimental conditions

1. Medicare is a health insurance program for people age 65 or older or who are younger and have some disabilities or End Stage Renal Disease. Have you ever had to pick a Medicare insurance plan for yourself or for someone close to you? Check all that apply.
 - Yes, I have had to pick a Medicare plan for myself
 - Yes, I have had to pick a Medicare plan for someone else
 - No, I have not had to pick a Medicare plan

2. **In the past 12 months**, how often did you use the Internet to look for health or medical information for yourself or someone else?
 - Once a week or more
 - Once a month
 - Every few months
 - Less often

3. When was the last time you used the Internet to look for information about health or medical care?
 - Within the last week
 - Within the last month
 - Within the last year
 - Over a year ago
 - Never

4. **In the past 12 months**, how often have you used the Internet to look for advice or information about doctors, hospitals, or health insurance plans?
 - Once a week or more
 - Once a month
 - Every few months
 - Less often

5. How much attention do you pay to information about health or medical topics on the Internet?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

6. Information comparing different doctors, hospitals, or health insurance plans is available in different places. For example, it might be given out at work, come to your home by mail, appear in a newspaper or magazine, or be found on the Internet. **In the past 12 months**, do you remember seeing **any information comparing different doctors, hospitals or health plans**?

- YES
- NO → **IF NO, GO TO #7**
- Not sure

6a. Did you see **any** information comparing the **quality** among different **doctors** in the past 12 months, or not?

- YES
- NO
- Not sure

6b. Did you see **any** information comparing the **quality** among different **hospitals** in the past 12 months, or not?

- YES
- NO
- Not sure

6c. Did you see **any** information comparing the **quality** among different **health plans** in the past 12 months, or not?

- YES
- NO
- Not sure

Use the scale provided to indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about your health and interactions with your health care provider (that is, your primary care doctor).

7. When all is said and done, I am the person who is responsible for managing my health condition.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

8. Taking an active role in my own health care is the most important factor in determining my health and ability to function.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

9. I am confident that I can take actions that will help prevent or minimize some symptoms or problems associated with my health condition.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

10. I am confident that I can tell when I need to go get medical care and when I can handle a health problem myself.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree

- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

11. I am confident I can tell my health care provider concerns I have even when he or she does not ask.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

12. I am confident that I can follow through on medical treatments I need to do at home

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

13. How confident are you that you can identify when it is necessary for you to get medical care?

- Not at all confident
- Somewhat confident
- Confident
- Very confident

14. How frequently do you bring to your doctor visits a list of questions or concerns you want to cover?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

These last questions are about you and will help us to describe all the people we interview.

15. In general, how would you rate your overall health?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

16. In the last 12 months, how many times did you go to a doctor's office or clinic to get health care for yourself?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 to 9
- 10 or more times