

# The Continuity of Medication Management (COMM) Patient Survey

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### A. The following questions are about your current health insurance coverage.

<b>1</b> .	Do y	you	currently	obtain	health	care	service	from	VA?
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- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to answer

### 2. Is any hospital care service you receive outside VA currently covered by Medicare?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to answer

### 3. Are any doctor's office visits you have outside VA currently covered by Medicare?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to answer

### 4. Do you have Medicare prescription service drug coverage, "Part D"?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to answer

### 5. Is any care service you receive outside VA currently covered by Medicaid?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to answer

# 6. Is any care you receive outside VA currently covered by the Department of Defense's TRICARE service or TRICARE for Life health care programs?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to answer

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A. From October through December 2011, did you use any medical or mental health care services that were not provided by or paid for by VA? Please include ANY service at all, such as a flu shot, a single prescription, a test of some sort, etc.  Yes  No  Don't know  Prefer not to answer						
<ul> <li>5. From October through December 2011, how many overnight stays, if any, did you have that were not provided by or paid for by the VA? A "stay" is a single trip into and out or admission into and discharge out of the hospital. Your best guess is fine.</li> <li>01 ENTER NUMBER</li> <li>98 Don't know</li> <li>99 Prefer not to answer</li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>6. From October through December 2011, how many outpatient visits or trips, did you have that were not provided by or paid for by the VA? Please do not count dental, mental health, substance abuse visits or any visits paid for by VA. Your best guess is fine.</li> <li>01 ENTER NUMBER</li> <li>98 Don't know</li> <li>99 Prefer not to answer</li> </ul>						
<ul><li>The following questions are about where you get prescriptions filled.</li><li>Is there one particular pharmacy that you usually go to if you need to fill a prescription?</li></ul>						
1. Is there one particular pharmacy that you usually go to if you need to lift a prescription?  1. Yes 1. Yes 1. No 1. Yes 1. No 1. Prefer not to answer						
2. How many different pharmacies do you usually go to when picking up prescriptions?						
0 1 2 3 More than 3						
3. How likely are you to fill prescriptions at a VA pharmacy?						
Very Unlikely Unlikely Neutral Likely Very Likely						

4. How likely are you to fill VA prescriptions at a mail-order pharmacy service?

Very	Unlikely	Unlikely	Neutral	Likely	Very Likely		
D.	The following	ng items are about y	our military service	<u>),                                     </u>			
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	Prefer not to	answer					
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3. What year did each term of active duty military service start?							
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01		R 1 <sup>st</sup>	_ 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>		
98	Don't know						
99	Prefer not to	answer					

- 4. What year did each term of active duty military service end?
- 01 ENTER YEAR 1<sup>st</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup>\_\_\_\_\_
- 98 Don't kno
- 99 Prefer not to answer
- 5. During this term of military service were you ever in or exposed to combat?
- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to answer

### E. The following items are about your health.

1. Would you say in general your health is Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair or Poor?							
Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor			
	you without shoes?						
Enter height in f	eet and inches						
enter num	ber of feet						
and							
enter	number of inches						
98 Don't kno 99 Prefer no	ow ot to answer						
3. How much v	weigh without clothe	s or shoes					
p	oounds						
98 Don't kno	DW .						
99 Prefer no	t to answer						
01 Never (0 02 Monthly of 03 Two to fo 04 Two to th	id you have a drink c points)* or less (1 point) our times a month (2 po ree times per week (3 nore times a week (4 p	oints) points)	ol in the past year?	?			
in the past yea 01 0 drinks ( 02 1 or 2 (0 03 3 or 4 (1 04 5 or 6 (2 05 7 to 9 (3	r? (0 points)* points) point) points)	ohol did you ha	ve on a typical day	when you were drinking			

### 6. How often did you have six or more drinks on one occasion in the past year?

- 01 Never (0 points)
- 02 Less than monthly (1 point)
- 03 Monthly (2 points)
- 04 Weekly (3 points)
- 05 Daily or almost daily (4 points)

## 7. Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to answer

### 8. Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?

- 01 Every day
- 02 Some days
- 03 Not at all
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to answer

# 9. During the past 12 months, have you stopped smoking for more than one day because you were trying to quit smoking?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to answer

Please answer the following questions about your mood over the past month.

10. During the past month, how much of the time were you a happy person?									
None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	A good bit of the time	Most of the time	All of the time				
11. How much of the time, during the past month, have you felt calm and peaceful?									
None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	A good bit of the time	Most of the time	All of the time				
12. How much of the time, during the past month, have you been a very nervous person?									
None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	A good bit of the time	Most of the time	All of the time				
13. How much of the time, during the past month, have you felt downhearted and blue?									
None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	A good bit of the time	Most of the time	All of the time				
14. How much of the time, during the past month, did you feel so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up?									
None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	A good bit of the time	Most of the time	All of the time				

### F. The following questions are about medications that you take.

**F1.** Do you have a current prescription for blood pressure medications?

Yes: Continue to F1 below.

No: Go to F2.

**F1.** In order for blood pressure medication to work best, people should take it according to the doctor's instructions. For one reason or another, people can't or don't always take all of their pills as prescribed. We want to know <u>how often</u> you have missed your blood pressure medication. When answering these questions, please think about all of your blood pressure medications. Please rate your agreement with the following statements.

### Over the past 7 days...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
1. I took all does of my blood pressure medication.					
2. I missed or skipped at least one dose of my blood pressure medication.					
3. I was not able to take all of my blood pressure medication.					

Situations come up that make it difficult for people to take their blood pressure medications as prescribed by their doctors. Below is a list of those situations. We want to know how much these situations contributed to you missing a dose of your blood pressure medication. Only one of these situations may apply to you, or many may apply to you.

# In the past 7 days, how much did each situation contribute to you missing a dose of your blood pressure medication?

	Not at All		Very Much
1. I was busy			
2. I forgot			
3. The medication caused some side effects			
4. I worried about taking them for the rest of my life			
5. They cost a lot of money			
6. I came home late			
7. I did not have any symptoms of high blood pressure			
8. I was with friends or family members			
9. I was in a public place			
10. I was afraid of becoming dependent on them			
11. I was afraid they may affect my sexual performance			
12. The time to take them was between my meals			
13. I felt I did not need them			

	Not at all				Very Much	
14. I was traveling						
15. I was supposed to take them too many times a day						
16. I had other medications to take						
17. They make me need to urinate too often						
18. I ran out of medication						
19. I was afraid the medication would interact with other medication I take.						
20. My blood pressure was too low						
21. I was feeling too ill to take them						
3 <sup>rd</sup> Most important or influentia	situation:					

Over the past 7 days							
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always		
1. I took all does of my cholesterol medication.							
2. I missed or skipped at least one dose of my cholesterol medication.							
3. I was not able to take all of my cholesterol medication.							

F2. In order for cholesterol medication to work best, people should take it according to the doctor's

answering these questions, please think about all of your cholesterol medications. Please rate your

instructions. For one reason or another, people can't or don't always take all of their pills as prescribed. We want to know *how often* you have missed your cholesterol medication. When

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F2.Do you have a current prescription for cholesterol medications?

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Yes: Continue F2 below.

agreement with the following statements.

No: Go to F3.

apply to you, or many may apply to you.							
In the past 7 days, how much did each situation contribute to you missing a dose of your cholesterol medication?							
	Not at All				Very Much		
1. I was busy							
2. I forgot							
3. The medication caused some side effects							
4. I worried about taking them for the rest of my life							
5. They cost a lot of money							
6. I came home late							
7. I did not have any symptoms of high cholesterol							
8. I was with friends or family members							
9. I was in a public place							
10. I was afraid of becoming dependent on them							
11. I was afraid they may affect my sexual performance							
12. The time to take them was between my meals							
13. I felt I did not need them							

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Situations come up that make it difficult for people to take their cholesterol medications as prescribed

by their doctors. Below is a list of those situations. We want to know how much these situations contributed to you missing a dose of your cholesterol medication. Only one of these situations may

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	Not at all				Very Much	
14. I was traveling						
15. I was supposed to take them too many times a day						
16. I had other medications to take						
17. They make me need to urinate too often						
18. I ran out of medication						
19. I was afraid the medication would interact with other medication I take.						
20. My cholesterol was low						
21. I was feeling too ill to take them						

Over the past 7 days					
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
1. I took all does of my diabetes medication.					
2. I missed or skipped at least one dose of my diabetes medication.					
3. I was not able to take all of my diabetes medication.					

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**F3.** In order for diabetes medication to work best, people should take it according to the doctor's instructions. For one reason or another, people can't or don't always take all of their pills as

prescribed. We want to know <u>how often</u> you have missed your diabetes medication. When answering these questions, please think about all of your diabetes medications. Please rate your agreement with

**F3.** Do you have a current prescription for diabetes medications?

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Yes: Continue F3 below.

the following statements.

No: Go to F4.

their doctors. Below is a list of those situations. We want to know how much these situations contributed to you missing a dose of your diabetes medication. Only one of these situations may apply to you, or many may apply to you.					
In the past 7 days, how dose of your diabetes me		ach situati	on contribut	e to you mi	ssing a
	Not at All				Very Much
1. I was busy					
2. I forgot					
3. The medication caused some side effects					
4. I worried about taking them for the rest of my life					
5. They cost a lot of money					
6. I came home late					
7. I did not have any symptoms of high blood sugar					
8. I was with friends or family members					
9. I was in a public place					
10. I was afraid of becoming dependent on them					
11. I was afraid they may affect my sexual performance					
12. The time to take them was between my meals					
13. I felt I did not need them					

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Situations come up that make it difficult for people to take their diabetes medications as prescribed by

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	Not at all				Very Much
14. I was traveling					
15. I was supposed to take them too many times a day					
16. I had other medications to take					
17. They make me need to urinate too often					
18. I ran out of medication					
19. I was afraid the medication would interact with other medication I take.					
20. My blood sugar was too low					
21. I was feeling too ill to take them					
Of the situations that contributed to you missing at least one dose of your diabetes medication, we would like to know which are the most important or influential. Please rank the top three most important or influential reasons below. You may write the number that corresponds to the reason listed above (e.g., if running out of medication was the most important reason, then write "18" on the top line).  Most important or influential situation:  2nd Most important or influential situation:					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Most important or influentia	situation:		<del></del>		

the following statements.					
Over the past 7 days					
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
1. I took all does of my COPD medication.					
2. I missed or skipped at least one dose of my COPD medication.					
3. I was not able to take all of	П		П		

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**F4.** Do you have a current prescription for medications for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

**F4.** In order for COPD medication to work best, people should take it according to the doctor's instructions. For one reason or another, people can't or don't always take all of their pills as

prescribed. We want to know <u>how often</u> you have missed your COPD medication. When answering these questions, please think about all of your COPD medications. Please rate your agreement with

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Yes: Continue F4 below.

my COPD medication.

(COPD)?

No: Go to F5.

contributed to you missing a dose of your COPD medication. Only one of these situations may apply to you, or many may apply to you.					
In the past 7 days, how dose of your COPD medi		ach situati	on contribut	e to you mi	ssing a
	Not at All				Very Much
1. I was busy					
2. I forgot					
3. The medication caused some side effects					
4. I worried about taking them for the rest of my life					
5. They cost a lot of money					
6. I came home late					
7. I did not have any symptoms of COPD					
8. I was with friends or family members					
9. I was in a public place					
10. I was afraid of becoming dependent on them					
11. I was afraid they may affect my sexual performance					
12. The time to take them was between my meals					
13. I felt I did not need them					

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Situations come up that make it difficult for people to take their COPD medications as prescribed by their doctors. Below is a list of those situations. We want to know how much these situations

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Not at all				
				Very Much
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	e most import pelow. You most import of medication ation:	e most important or influent pelow. You may write the n of medication was the mos ation:	e most important or influential. Please rank pelow. You may write the number that corr of medication was the most important reastation:  ation: situation:	

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**F5.** We would like to ask you about your personal views about your medicine(s). These are statements other people have made about their medicines. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with them. There are no right or wrong answers. We are interested in your personal views about your medicine(s). When answering these, please think about all of your medicine(s).

	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. Having to take medicines worries me.					
I sometimes worry about becoming too dependent on medicines.					
3. I sometimes worry about long-term effects of my medicines.					
4. My medicines disrupt my life					
My life will be impossible without my medicines.					
6. My health, at present, depends on my medicines.					
7. Without my medicines, I would be very ill.					
My health in the future will depend on my medicines.					
My medicines protect me from becoming worse.					
10. If doctors had more time with patients, they would prescribe fewer medicines.					
11. Doctors place too much trust in medicines.					
12. Doctors use too many medicines.					
13. Natural remedies are safer than medicines.					
14. Most medicines are addictive.					
15. Medicines do more harm than good.					
16. All medicines are poison.					
17. My medicines are a mystery to me.					
18. People who take medicines should stop their treatment for a while every now and again.					

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**G.** The following questions are about your primary care doctor. Please rate how much you agree with the following statements about your *primary care doctor*.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. My doctor will do whatever it takes to get me all the care I need.					
2. Sometimes my doctor cares more about what is convenient for (him/her) than about my medical needs.					
3. My doctor's medical skills are not as good as they should be.					
4. My doctor is extremely thorough and careful.					
5. I completely trust my doctor's decisions about which medical treatments are best for me.					
6. My doctor is totally honest in telling me about all of the different treatment options available for my condition.					
7. My doctor only thinks about what is best for me.					
8. Sometimes my doctor does not pay full attention to what I am trying to tell (him/her).					
9. I have no worries about putting my life in my doctor's hands.					
10. All in all, I have complete trust in my doctor.					

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H. <u>suı</u>	Finally, we have a few questions to help us describe the people who completed this rvey.
1. /	Are you of Hispanic and Latino origin?
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	Looking at the options below, which best describes your race? Please select only one tion.
	American Indian   Black or African   White or Alaska   American
	Asian
3.	What is highest degree or level of school completed? Please select only one option.
	No Schooling completed
	Nursery school to 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade, no Diploma
	High School Graduate (High School Diploma or the Equivalent)
	Vocational/Technical/Business/Trade School Certificate or Diploma (Beyond the High nool Level)
	Some College, but no Degree
	Associate Degree
П	Bachelor's Degree
	Master's, Professional or Doctorate Degree
<b>4.</b> 01	How would you best characterize your current employment status? Employed Fulltime
02	Self-employed fulltime
03	Employed part-time
04	Self employed part-time
05	Unemployed, looking for work, or laid off
06	Currently not employed – either retired, a homemaker, student, etc.
98	Don't Know
99	Prefer not to answer

5. Please be assured that your response to this question is private, and your answer will not affect your benefits. Your best guess or estimate is fine. Could you please indicate which of the following best describes your 2011 total annual household income from *all sources*.

01	UNDER \$11,00
02	\$11,000-\$15,999
03	\$16,000-\$20,999
04	\$21,000-\$25,999
05	\$26,000-\$30,999
06	\$31,000-\$35,999
07	\$36,000-\$40-999
80	\$41,000-\$45,999
09	\$46,000-\$50,999
10	\$51,000-\$55,999
11	\$56,000 or over
13	Don't know
14	Prefer not to answer

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY