

Part A, Attachment 2 – National Surveys of Medicare Beneficiaries

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[CMS LETTERHEAD]

[NAME]
[ADDRESS 1]
[ADDRESS 2]
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

Dear [NAME]:

I am writing to ask you to take part in an important national survey about wellness and disease prevention. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the agency that runs Medicare, is gathering information about your experiences managing your health and staying well. We want to make sure that you receive the best possible care so it is important that we hear about your experiences.

Your name was randomly chosen from a national list of Medicare Beneficiaries to participate in this survey. In the survey, we ask Beneficiaries about their general health, their experiences in managing their health, and their experiences preventing illness and injury. This survey is voluntary, and your participation will not affect your Medicare benefits. Your answers will be kept confidential.

Results from the survey will inform Medicare on future wellness program efforts, including the level of interest in wellness programs among current Beneficiaries.

We appreciate your taking the time to participate in our survey. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions about the survey, please call [insert Westat 800 number] or send an email to [insert Westat email address].

Si desea recibir una copia en español de los materiales de esta encuesta, sírvase llamar al [#] o enviar un correo electrónico a [xxx@westat.com].

Sincerely,

Erin Colligan, PhD, MPP
CMS Project Officer

[CMS LETTERHEAD]

[NAME]
[ADDRESS 1]
[ADDRESS 2]
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

Estimado(a) [NAME]:

Por medio de la presente le pedimos que participe en un importante estudio a nivel nacional acerca del bienestar y la prevención de enfermedades. Los Centros para Servicios de Medicare y Medicaid (CMS, por sus siglas en inglés), la agencia que dirige Medicare, están reuniendo información acerca de sus experiencias en el control y mantenimiento de su salud. Queremos asegurarnos de que reciba el mejor cuidado posible, así que es importante que escuchemos sus experiencias.

Para participar en este estudio, elegimos su nombre al azar de una lista nacional de beneficiarios de Medicare. En la encuesta, les preguntamos a los beneficiarios acerca de su salud en general, de sus experiencias controlando su salud y de sus experiencias previniendo enfermedades y lesiones. Esta encuesta es voluntaria, y su participación no afectará ninguno de los beneficios que recibe de Medicare. Mantendremos sus respuestas de manera confidencial.

Los resultados de esta encuesta informarán a Medicare acerca de la creación de futuros programas preventivos de salud, incluyendo el nivel de interés en los programas preventivos por parte de los beneficiarios actuales.

Le agradecemos el tiempo que ha dedicado para participar en la encuesta. De antemano le agradecemos su colaboración. Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca de la encuesta, sírvase llamar al [insert Westat 800 number] o envíe un correo electrónico a [insert Westat email address].

Atentamente,

Erin Colligan, PhD, MPP
Jefe del proyecto CMS

[CMS LETTERHEAD]

[NAME]
[ADDRESS 1]
[ADDRESS 2]
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

Dear [NAME]:

A few weeks ago your household was mailed a survey from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the agency that runs Medicare. We are gathering information about your experiences managing your health and staying well. We want to make sure that you receive the best possible care so it is important that we hear about your experiences.

Your cooperation is very important. We are enclosing another copy of the survey and ask that you complete it and return it in the enclosed, prepaid envelope.

Your name was randomly chosen from a national list of Medicare Beneficiaries to participate in this survey. In the survey, we ask Beneficiaries about their general health, their experiences in managing their health, and their experiences preventing illness and injury. This survey is voluntary, and your participation will not affect your Medicare benefits. Your answers will be kept confidential.

Results from the survey will inform Medicare on future wellness program efforts, including the level of interest in wellness programs among current Beneficiaries.

We appreciate your taking the time to participate in our survey. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions about the survey, please call [insert Westat 800 number] or send an email to [insert Westat email address].

Si desea recibir una copia en español de los materiales de esta encuesta, sírvase llamar al [#] o enviar un correo electrónico a [xxx@westat.com].

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Erin Colligan, PhD, MPP
CMS Project Officer

[CMS LETTERHEAD]

[NAME]
[ADDRESS 1]
[ADDRESS 2]
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

Estimado(a) [NAME]:

Hace unas semanas le enviamos a su hogar una encuesta de los Centros para Servicios de Medicare y Medicaid (CMS, por sus siglas en inglés), la agencia que dirige Medicare. Estamos reuniendo información acerca de sus experiencias en el control y mantenimiento de su salud. Queremos asegurarnos de que reciba el mejor cuidado posible, así que es importante que escuchemos sus experiencias.

Su colaboración es muy importante. Estamos adjuntando otra copia de la encuesta y le pedimos que la conteste y la devuelva en el sobre adjunto con franqueo pagado.

Para participar en este estudio, elegimos su nombre al azar de una lista nacional de beneficiarios de Medicare. En la encuesta, les preguntamos a los beneficiarios acerca de su salud en general, de sus experiencias controlando su salud y de sus experiencias previniendo enfermedades y lesiones. Esta encuesta es voluntaria, y su participación no afectará ninguno de los beneficios que recibe de Medicare. Mantendremos sus respuestas de manera confidencial.

Los resultados de esta encuesta informarán a Medicare acerca de la creación de futuros programas preventivos de salud, incluyendo el nivel de interés en los programas preventivos por parte de los beneficiarios actuales.

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Atentamente,

Erin Colligan, PhD, MPP
Jefe del proyecto CMS

[Calls will be placed using an Automated Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone system]

Hello, we are calling on behalf of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Medicare Agency.

We recently sent you or another adult in your household a Medicare Beneficiary survey about wellness and disease prevention.

If you have already returned your completed survey, thank you very much. If you haven't, we ask that you complete the survey as soon as possible and return it in the postage-paid envelope we provided. If you have questions about the survey, please call us toll-free at 1-xxx-xxx-xxxx. Thank you very much for your help on this important research study. (This message will repeat.)

[Calls will be placed using an Automated Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone system]

Buenos días/Buenas tardes, estamos llamando en nombre de los Centros para Servicios de Medicare y Medicaid, la Agencia Medicare.

Recientemente le enviamos a usted u otro adulto de su hogar una encuesta para beneficiarios de Medicare acerca del bienestar y la prevención de enfermedades.

Si ya nos ha devuelto su encuesta contestada, se lo agradecemos mucho. Si no lo ha hecho, le pedimos que conteste la encuesta lo más pronto posible y que la devuelva en el sobre con franqueo pagado que le enviamos. Si tiene preguntas acerca de la encuesta, sírvase llamarnos a la línea directa y gratuita al 1-xxx-xxx-xxxx. Muchísimas gracias por su colaboración en este importante estudio de investigación. (Se volverá a repetir este mensaje.)

Your Health

These first questions are about your health:

1. In general, would you say your health is

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

2. Compared to one year ago, how would you rate your health in general now?

- Much better than one year ago
- Somewhat better now than one year ago
- About the same as one year ago
- Somewhat worse now than one year ago
- Much worse now than one year ago

3. The following questions are about activities you might do during a typical day. Does your health now limit you in these activities? If so, how much?

a. Vigorous activities, such as running, lifting heavy objects, or participating in strenuous sports

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No, not limited at all

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

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No, not limited at all

c. Lifting or carrying groceries

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No, not limited at all

d. Climbing several flights of stairs

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little

No, not limited at all

e. Climbing one flight of stairs

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No, not limited at all

f. Bending, kneeling, or stooping

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No, not limited at all

g. Walking more than a mile

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No, not limited at all

h. Walking several hundred yards

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No, not limited at all

i. Walking one hundred yards

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No, not limited at all

j. Bathing or dressing yourself

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No, not limited at all

4. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of your physical health?

a. Cut down on the amount of time you spent on work or other activities

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- b. Accomplished less than you would like
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
- c. Were limited in the kind of work or other activities
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
- d. Had difficulty performing the work or other activities (for example, it took extra effort)
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
5. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of any emotional problems (such as feeling depressed or anxious)?
- a. Cut down on the amount of time you spent on work or other activities
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
- b. Accomplished less than you would like
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
- c. Did work or activities less carefully than usual
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
6. During the past 4 weeks, to what extent has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your normal social activities with family, friends, neighbors, or groups?
- Not at all
 - Slightly
 - Moderately
 - Quite a bit
 - Extremely
7. How much bodily pain have you had during the past 4 weeks?
- None
 - Very mild
 - Mild
 - Moderate
 - Severe
 - Very severe
8. During the past 4 weeks, how much did pain interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and housework)?
- Not at all
 - A little bit
 - Moderately
 - Quite a bit
 - Extremely

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

How much of the time during the past 4 weeks...

- a. Did you feel full of life?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- b. Have you been very nervous?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- c. Have you felt so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- d. Have you felt calm and peaceful?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- e. Did you have a lot of energy?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- f. Have you felt downhearted and depressed?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- g. Did you feel worn out?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- h. Have you been happy?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- i. Did you feel tired?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

10. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your social activities (like visiting friends, relatives, etc.)?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

11. How TRUE or FALSE is each of the following statements for you?
- a. I seem to get sick a little easier than other people
- Definitely true
 - Mostly true
 - Don't know
 - Mostly false
 - Definitely false
- b. I am as healthy as anybody I know
- Definitely true
 - Mostly true
 - Don't know
 - Mostly false
 - Definitely false
- c. I expect my health to get worse
- Definitely true
 - Mostly true
 - Don't know
 - Mostly false
 - Definitely false
- d. My health is excellent
- Definitely true
 - Mostly true
 - Don't know
 - Mostly false
 - Definitely false
12. Which statement best describes your vision (with glasses or contact lenses if you wear them)?
- I have no trouble seeing
 - I have a little trouble seeing
 - I have a lot of trouble seeing
 - I am blind
13. Which statement best describes your hearing (with a hearing aid if you use one)?
- I have no trouble hearing
 - I have a little trouble hearing
 - I have a lot of trouble hearing
 - I am deaf
14. How tall are you?
____ feet ____ inches
15. How much do you weigh?
_____ pounds
16. Has a doctor ever told you that you have arthritis?
- Yes
 - No
17. Other than during pregnancy, has a doctor EVER told you that you have diabetes or sugar diabetes?
- Yes
 - No
18. Other than during pregnancy, has a doctor EVER told you that you have pre-diabetes or borderline diabetes?
- Yes
 - No
19. Have you ever smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipe tobacco?
- Yes
 - No
20. Do you smoke cigarettes, cigars, or pipe tobacco now?
- Yes
 - No
21. Have you had a flu shot in the past year?
- Yes
 - No

Making Changes to Stay Healthy

The next questions are about changes you might make to improve your health or reduce the chances of getting sick.

22. Some people change their diet to include more healthy foods like fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. Which of the following statements best describes your thoughts about making this kind of change?
- I don't need to make a change like this
 - I am currently trying to make this kind of change, or made it recently
 - I am thinking about making this kind of change in the next month or sooner
 - I am thinking about making this kind of change, but not in the next month
 - I am not thinking of making a change like this
23. Some people change their diet or increase the amount of exercise they get to help manage their weight. Which of the following statements best describes your thoughts about making this kind of change to help manage your weight?
- I don't need to make a change like this
 - I am currently trying to make this kind of change, or made it recently
 - I am thinking about making this kind of change in the next month or sooner
 - I am thinking about making this kind of change, but not in the next month
 - I am not thinking of making a change like this
24. Some people start new exercise programs or increase the amount they exercise as a way of staying healthy. Which of the following statements best describes your thoughts about making this kind of change?
- I don't need to make a change like this
 - I am currently trying to make this kind of change, or made it recently
 - I am thinking about making this kind of change in the next month or sooner
 - I am thinking about making this kind of change, but not in the next month
 - I am not thinking of making a change like this
25. Some people start exercise programs to help them improve their balance or prevent falls. Which of the following statements best describes your thoughts about making this kind of change?
- I don't need to make a change like this
 - I am currently trying to make this kind of change, or made it recently
 - I am thinking about making this kind of change in the next month or sooner
 - I am thinking about making this kind of change, but not in the next month
 - I am not thinking of making a change like this
26. Some people make changes to better manage arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, or other health problems. Which of the following statements best describes your thoughts about making this kind of change?
- I don't need to make a change like this
 - I am currently trying to make this kind of change, or made it recently
 - I am thinking about making this kind of change in the next month or sooner
 - I am thinking about making this kind of change, but not in the next month
 - I am not thinking of making a change like this

The next question is about actions your health care provider may have suggested that you take to improve your health.

27. In the past 12 months, has a doctor, nurse, or other health care provider suggested you do any of the following. Please mark all that apply.

- I have not visited a doctor or other health care professional in the past 12 months → **Go to 28**
- Eat more healthful foods, such as fruits, vegetables, and whole grains
- Lose or gain weight
- Get regular exercise appropriate for your ability
- Improve your balance, such as to help prevent falls
- Manage health problems like arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure
- None of these

The next few questions are about your awareness of and enrollment in wellness programs to help you make a change based on your need.

Wellness programs are ongoing, organized group meetings or sessions, done online or in person, where the focus is on improving one's health through knowledge and/or activity. (Do not include diet or fitness programs done on an individual basis.)

28. Do you know of any wellness programs in your community or online to help people like you make these kinds of changes?

- Yes, in my community
- Yes, online
- No

29. [If you knew of a wellness program in your community to help people like you to make this kind of change,] How likely is it that you would sign up in the next 6 months?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not at all likely

30. If you were to sign up for this kind of wellness program, which kind of program would be likely to sign up for? Please mark all that apply.

- Eating healthful foods, such as fruits, vegetables, and whole grains
- Managing your weight
- Getting regular exercise appropriate for your ability
- Improving your balance and preventing falls
- Managing health problems like arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, or other conditions
- None of these
- Other

31. If Medicare covered this kind of wellness program—then how likely is it that you would sign up in the next 6 months?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not at all likely

32. Have you participated in a wellness program in your community or online to help you make this kind of change in the past 24 months? ?

- Yes → **Go to 33**
- No → **Skip to 34**

33. Have you participated in any program in the past 24 months, either in your community or online, to address any of the following goals? Please mark all that apply.

- Eating healthful foods, such as fruits, vegetables, and whole grains
- Managing your weight
- Getting regular exercise appropriate for your ability
- Improving your balance and preventing falls
- Managing health problems like arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, or other conditions
- None
- Other, specify: _____

Making Health Care Decisions

The next questions are about making health care decisions. Your answers will help Medicare better understand how people use medical services. Please keep in mind that there are no right or wrong answers to these questions. Your opinions and experiences are important to us.

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

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

35. Do you always, usually, sometimes, or never take a list of all your prescribed medicines to your doctor visits?

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Never
- I don't take any prescribed medications

Your Beliefs

Please choose the response which fits you best to the following statements:

36. I will be able to achieve most of the goals that I have set for myself.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

37. When facing difficult tasks, I am certain that I will accomplish them.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

38. In general, I think that I can obtain outcomes that are important to me.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

39. I believe I can succeed at almost anything that I set my mind to.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

40. I will be able to successfully overcome many challenges.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

41. I am confident that I can perform effectively on many different tasks.
- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Neutral
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
42. Compared to other people, I can do most tasks very well.
- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Neutral
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
43. Even when things are tough, I can perform quite well.
- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Neutral
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree

How You've Been Feeling Lately

The next two questions are about how you have been feeling lately.

44. Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following:
- a. Little interest or pleasure in doing things?
 - Not at all
 - Several days
 - More than half the days
 - Nearly every day
 - b. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless?
 - Not at all
 - Several days
 - More than half the days
 - Nearly every day

Physical Activity

Physical activities are activities where you move and increase your heart rate above its resting rate, whether you do them for pleasure, work, or transportation. The following questions ask about the amount and intensity of physical activity you usually do. The intensity of the activity is related to the amount of energy you use to do these activities.

Examples of physical intensity levels:

Intensity level	Examples
Light activities: Your heart beats slightly faster than normal. You can talk and sing	Walking leisurely, stretching, vacuuming or light yard work
Moderate activities: Your heart beats faster than normal. You can talk but not sing.	Fast walking, aerobics class, strength training, swimming gently
Vigorous activities: Your heart rate increases a lot. You can't talk or your talking is broken up by large breaths.	Stair machine, jogging or running, tennis, racquetball, or badminton

45. How physically active are you? Please check one answer for each question.
- a. I rarely or never do any physical activities.
 - Yes
 - No
 - b. I do some **light** or **moderate** physical activities, but not every week.
 - Yes
 - No
 - c. I do some **light** physical activity every week.
 - Yes
 - No

d. I do **moderate** physical activities every week, but less than 30 minutes a day or 5 days a week.

- Yes
 No

e. I do **vigorous** physical activities every week, but less than 20 minutes a day or 3 days a week.

- Yes
 No

f. I do 30 minutes or more a day of **moderate** physical activities, 5 or more days a week.

- Yes
 No

g. I do 20 minutes or more a day of **vigorous** physical activities, 3 or more days a week.

- Yes
 No

h. I do activities to increase muscle **strength**, such as lifting weights or calisthenics, once a week or more.

- Yes
 No

i. I do activities to improve **flexibility**, such as stretching or yoga, once a week or more.

- Yes
 No

Fall and Balance

46a. A fall is when your body goes to the ground without being pushed. Did you fall in the past 6 months?

- Yes → _____ times
 No → **Skip to 47**

46b. How many of these falls caused you to limit your regular activities for at least a day or to see a doctor?

_____ Falls limiting activity or requiring medical attention

47. In the past 6 months, have you had a problem with balance or walking?

- Yes
 No
 Limited to a bed or wheelchair → **Skip to 51**

48. Has your doctor or other health provider done anything to help prevent falls or treat problems with balance or walking? Some things they might do include:

- Suggest that you use a cane or walker
- Check your blood pressure lying or standing
- Suggest that you do an exercise or physical therapy program
- Suggest a vision or hearing testing

- Yes
 No

49. Are you afraid of falling?

- Yes
 No

Your Confidence in Balance

The next questions are about keeping your balance in different situations. You may have to imagine yourself in these situations if you have not encountered them recently. For each one, choose any number between 0 (no confidence) and 100 (complete confidence) to say how confident you are that you could keep your balance. If you normally use a cane or walker or

hold on to someone, answer as if you had that help.

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
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No Confidence **Complete Confidence**

50. How confident are you that you can maintain your balance and remain steady when you...
- a. Stand on your tiptoes and reach for something above your head?

 - b. Stand on a chair and reach for something?

 - c. Are bumped into by people as you walk through the mall?

 - d. Step onto or off of an escalator while holding onto a railing?

 - e. Step onto or off of an escalator while holding a package so you cannot hold onto the railing?

 - f. Walk outside on icy sidewalks?

Medicines

The next few questions are about medicines.

51. Do you ever forget to take your medicine?
- I don't take any medicines → **Skip to 55**
 - Yes
 - No

52. Do you ever have problems remembering to take your medicine?

- Yes
- No

53. When you feel better, do you sometimes stop taking your medicine?

- Yes
- No

54. Sometimes if you feel worse when you take your medicine, do you stop taking it?

- Yes
- No

Getting Help From Others

55. People sometimes look to others for companionship, assistance, or other types of support. How often is each of the following kinds of support available to you if you need it?

- a. Someone to help you if you were confined to bed?

- None of the time
- A little of the time
- Some of the time
- Most of the time
- All of the time

- b. Someone to take you to the doctor if you needed it?

- None of the time
- A little of the time
- Some of the time
- Most of the time
- All of the time

- c. Someone to prepare your meals if you were unable to do it yourself?

- None of the time
- A little of the time
- Some of the time

- Most of the time
- All of the time

d. Someone to help with daily chores if you were sick?

- None of the time
- A little of the time
- Some of the time
- Most of the time
- All of the time

Demographics

56. What is your sex?

- Male
- Female

The next two questions are about Hispanic origin and race.

57. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- Yes
- No

58. What is your race? Please select one or more.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White

59. When were you born? Please provide your date of birth in month/day/year.

___ ___ Month

___ ___ Day

19 ___ ___ Year

60. How well do you speak English?

- Very well
- Well
- Not well
- Not at all

61. What is your current marital status?

- Married
- Living as married
- Divorced
- Separated
- Widowed
- Never married

62. What is the highest grade or level of school that you have completed?

- 8th grade or less
- Some high school, but did not graduate
- High school graduate or GED
- Some college or 2 year degree
- 4 year college graduate
- More than a 4 year college degree

63. Where do you live?

- House, apartment, condominium, mobile home
- Assisted living apartment or board care home → **Skip to 65**
- Other

64. Do you live alone or with others? (One or more categories may be selected)

- Alone
- With spouse/significant other
- With adult children
- With other relatives
- With non-relatives

65. What is your current employment status?

- Employed at a job for pay, full-time
- Employed at a job for pay, part-time
- Homemaker, not currently working for pay
- Not currently employed, retired

- Not currently employed, not retired
- 66. What type of health insurance do you currently have? (Check all that apply.)
 - Medicare
 - Medicaid (provided by state governments for low income individuals)
 - A Medicare Supplemental plan
 - A Medicare Advantage plan
 - VA or Tricare
 - Private health insurance (such as through an employer)
 - Other
 - None

67. Do you currently provide care for someone else in your home?
- Yes → **Go to 68**
No → **Skip to 69**

68. During the past week, how many days did you provide at least some care?
- No care provided in the last week
 - 1 or 2 days
 - 3 or 4 days
 - 5 or 6 days
 - 7 days (every day)

69. Do you have difficulty getting to places you need to go?
- No, I can drive, get a ride, take public transportation, or walk
 - Yes, always or almost always
 - Yes, Sometimes

70. Who completed this survey form?
- Person to whom survey was addressed
 - Family member or relative of person to whom the survey was addressed
 - Friend of person to whom the survey was addressed
 - Professional caregiver of person to whom the survey was addressed

71. Which of the following categories best represents the **combined income for all family members in your household** for the past 12 months?

- \$11,670 or less
- \$11,671-\$15,730
- \$15,731-\$19,999
- \$20,000-\$29,999
- \$30,000-\$39,999
- \$40,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$79,999
- \$80,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000 or more
- Don't know

72. Date of completing this survey:

___ ___ Month

___ ___ Day

20 ___ ___ Year

Thank you for your time. Please mail the survey using the prepaid addressed envelope enclosed.

[CMS LETTERHEAD]

[NAME]
[ADDRESS 1]
[ADDRESS 2]
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

Dear [NAME]:

I am writing to ask you to take part in an important national survey about wellness and disease prevention. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the agency that runs Medicare, is gathering information about your experiences managing your health and staying well. We want to make sure that you receive the best possible care so it is important that we hear about your experiences.

You are being asked to complete this survey as a follow-up to the survey about wellness that you completed 6 months ago. In this survey, we ask beneficiaries for updates on their general health and wellness. This survey is voluntary, and your participation will not affect your Medicare benefits. Your answers will be kept confidential.

Results from the survey will inform Medicare on future wellness program efforts, including the level of interest in wellness programs among current Beneficiaries.

We appreciate your taking the time to participate in our survey. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions about the survey, please call [insert Westat 800 number] or send an email to [insert Westat email address].

Si desea recibir una copia en español de los materiales de esta encuesta, sírvase llamar al [#] o enviar un correo electrónico a [xxx@westat.com].

Sincerely,

Erin Colligan, PhD, MPP
CMS Project Officer

[CMS LETTERHEAD]

[NAME]
[ADDRESS 1]
[ADDRESS 2]
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

Estimado(a) [NAME]:

Por medio de la presente le pedimos que participe en un importante estudio a nivel nacional acerca del bienestar y de la prevención de enfermedades. Los Centros para Servicios de Medicare y Medicaid (CMS, por sus siglas en inglés), la agencia que dirige Medicare, están reuniendo información acerca de sus experiencias en el control y mantenimiento de su salud. Queremos asegurarnos de que reciba el mejor cuidado posible, así que es importante que escuchemos sus experiencias.

Le estamos pidiendo que conteste esta encuesta como continuación a la encuesta del bienestar que contestó hace 6 meses. En esta encuesta, les pedimos a los beneficiarios que den información actualizada de su salud y bienestar en general. Esta encuesta es voluntaria, y su participación no afectará ninguno de los beneficios que recibe de Medicare. Mantendremos sus respuestas de manera confidencial.

Los resultados de esta encuesta informarán a Medicare acerca de la creación de futuros programas preventivos de salud, incluyendo el nivel de interés en los programas preventivos por parte de los beneficiarios actuales.

Le agradecemos el tiempo que ha dedicado para participar en la encuesta. De antemano le agradecemos su colaboración. Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca de la encuesta, sírvase llamar al [insert Westat 800 number] o envíe un correo electrónico a [insert Westat email address].

Atentamente,

Erin Colligan, PhD, MPP
Jefe del proyecto CMS

[CMS LETTERHEAD]

[NAME]
[ADDRESS 1]
[ADDRESS 2]
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

Dear [NAME]:

A few weeks ago your household was mailed a survey from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the agency that runs Medicare. We are gathering information about your experiences managing your health and staying well. We want to make sure that you receive the best possible care so it is important that we hear about your experiences.

Your cooperation is very important. We are enclosing another copy of the survey and ask that you complete it and return it in the enclosed, prepaid envelope.

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CMS Project Officer

[CMS LETTERHEAD]

[NAME]
[ADDRESS 1]
[ADDRESS 2]
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

Estimado(a) [NAME]:

Hace unas semanas le enviamos a su hogar una encuesta de los Centros para Servicios de Medicare y Medicaid (CMS, por sus siglas en inglés), la agencia que dirige Medicare. Estamos reuniendo información acerca de sus experiencias en el control y mantenimiento de su salud. Queremos asegurarnos de que reciba el mejor cuidado posible, así que es importante que escuchemos sus experiencias.

Su colaboración es muy importante. Estamos adjuntando otra copia de la encuesta y le pedimos que la conteste y la devuelva en el sobre adjunto con franqueo pagado.

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Your Health

These first questions are about your health.

1. In general, would you say your health is
 - Excellent
 - Very good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
2. Compared to one year ago, how would you rate your health in general now?
 - Much better than one year ago
 - Somewhat better now than one year ago
 - About the same as one year ago
 - Somewhat worse now than one year ago
 - Much worse now than one year ago
3. The following questions are about activities you might do during a typical day. Does your health now limit you in these activities? If so, how much?
 - a. Vigorous activities, such as running, lifting heavy objects, or participating in strenuous sports
 - Yes, limited a lot
 - Yes, limited a little
 - No, not limited at all
 - b. Moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling, or playing golf
 - Yes, limited a lot
 - Yes, limited a little
 - No, not limited at all
 - c. Lifting or carrying groceries
 - Yes, limited a lot
 - Yes, limited a little
 - No, not limited at all
 - d. Climbing several flights of stairs
 - Yes, limited a lot
 - Yes, limited a little
 - No, not limited at all
 - e. Climbing one flight of stairs
 - Yes, limited a lot
 - Yes, limited a little
 - No, not limited at all
 - f. Bending, kneeling, or stooping
 - Yes, limited a lot
 - Yes, limited a little
 - No, not limited at all
 - g. Walking more than a mile
 - Yes, limited a lot
 - Yes, limited a little
 - No, not limited at all
 - h. Walking several hundred yards
 - Yes, limited a lot
 - Yes, limited a little
 - No, not limited at all
 - i. Walking one hundred yards
 - Yes, limited a lot
 - Yes, limited a little
 - No, not limited at all
 - j. Bathing or dressing yourself
 - Yes, limited a lot
 - Yes, limited a little
 - No, not limited at all
4. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of your physical health?
 - a. Cut down on the amount of time you spent on work or other activities
 - All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time

- b. Accomplished less than you would like
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
- c. Were limited in the kind of work or other activities
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
- d. Had difficulty performing the work or other activities (for example, it took extra effort)
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
5. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of any emotional problems (such as feeling depressed or anxious)?
- a. Cut down on the amount of time you spent on work or other activities
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
- b. Accomplished less than you would like
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
- c. Did work or activities less carefully than usual
- All of the time
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - A little of the time
 - None of the time
6. During the past 4 weeks, to what extent has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your normal social activities with family, friends, neighbors, or groups?
- Not at all
 - Slightly
 - Moderately
 - Quite a bit
 - Extremely
7. How much bodily pain have you had during the past 4 weeks?
- None
 - Very mild
 - Mild
 - Moderate
 - Severe
 - Very severe
8. During the past 4 weeks, how much did pain interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and housework)?
- Not at all
 - A little bit
 - Moderately
 - Quite a bit
 - Extremely

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

How much of the time during the past 4 weeks...

- a. Did you feel full of life?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- b. Have you been very nervous?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- c. Have you felt so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- d. Have you felt calm and peaceful?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- e. Did you have a lot of energy?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- f. Have you felt downhearted and depressed?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- g. Did you feel worn out?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- h. Have you been happy?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

- i. Did you feel tired?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

10. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your social activities (like visiting friends, relatives, etc.)?

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

11. How TRUE or FALSE is each of the following statements for you?

a. I seem to get sick a little easier than other people

- Definitely true
- Mostly true
- Don't know
- Mostly false
- Definitely false

b. I am as healthy as anybody I know

- Definitely true
- Mostly true
- Don't know
- Mostly false
- Definitely false

c. I expect my health to get worse

- Definitely true
- Mostly true
- Don't know
- Mostly false
- Definitely false

d. My health is excellent

- Definitely true
- Mostly true
- Don't know
- Mostly false
- Definitely false

Physical Activity

Physical activities are activities where you move and increase your heart rate above its resting rate, whether you do them for pleasure, work, or transportation. The following questions ask about the amount and intensity of physical activity you usually do. The intensity of the activity is related to the amount of energy you use to do these activities.

Examples of physical intensity levels:

Intensity level	Examples
Light activities: Your heart beats slightly faster than normal. You can talk and sing	Walking leisurely, stretching, vacuuming or light yard work
Moderate activities: Your heart beats faster than normal. You can talk but not sing.	Fast walking, aerobics class, strength training, swimming gently
Vigorous activities: Your heart rate increases a lot. You can't talk or your talking is broken up by large breaths.	Stair machine, jogging or running, tennis, racquetball, or badminton

12. How physically active are you? Please check one answer for each question.

a. I rarely or never do any physical activities.

- Yes
- No

b. I do some **light** or **moderate** physical activities, but not every week.

- Yes
- No

- c. I do some **light** physical activity every week.
- Yes
 No
- d. I do **moderate** physical activities every week, but less than 30 minutes a day or 5 days a week.
- Yes
 No
- e. I do **vigorous** physical activities every week, but less than 20 minutes a day or 3 days a week.
- Yes
 No
- f. I do 30 minutes or more a day of **moderate** physical activities, 5 or more days a week.
- Yes
 No
- g. I do 20 minutes or more a day of **vigorous** physical activities, 3 or more days a week.
- Yes
 No
- h. I do activities to increase muscle **strength**, such as lifting weights or calisthenics, once a week or more.
- Yes
 No
- i. I do activities to improve **flexibility**, such as stretching or yoga, once a week or more.
- Yes
 No

Fall

13. A fall is when your body goes to the ground without being pushed. Did you fall in the past 6 months?
- Yes → _____ times
 No → **Skip to 15**
14. How many of these falls caused you to limit your regular activities for at least a day or to see a doctor?
- _____ Falls limiting activity or requiring medical attention
15. In the past 6 months, have you had a problem with balance or walking?
- Yes
 No
 Limited to a bed or wheelchair → **Skip to 18**
16. Are you afraid of falling?
- Yes
 No

Your Confidence in Balance

The next questions are about keeping your balance in different situations. You may have to imagine yourself in these situations if you have not encountered them recently. For each one, choose any number between 0 (no confidence) and 100 (complete confidence) to say how confident you are that you could keep your balance. If you normally use a cane or walker or hold on to someone, answer as if you had that help.

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
No Confidence					Complete Confidence					

17. How confident are you that you can maintain your balance and remain steady when you...
- a. Stand on your tiptoes and reach for something above your head?

 - b. Stand on a chair and reach for something?

 - c. Are bumped into by people as you walk through the mall?

 - d. Step onto or off of an escalator while holding onto a railing?

 - e. Step onto or off of an escalator while holding a package so you cannot hold onto the railing?

 - f. Walk outside on icy sidewalks?

Medicines

The next few questions are about medicines.

18. Do you ever forget to take your medicine?
- I don't take any medicines → **Skip to 22**
 - Yes
 - No
19. Do you ever have problems remembering to take your medicine?
- Yes
 - No

20. When you feel better, do you sometimes stop taking your medicine?
- Yes
 - No
21. Sometimes if you feel worse when you take your medicine, do you stop taking it?
- Yes
 - No
22. Have you participated in any program in the past 24 months, either in your community or online, to address any of the following goals? Please mark all that apply.
- Eating healthful foods, such as fruits, vegetables, and whole grains
 - Managing your weight
 - Getting regular exercise appropriate for your ability
 - Improving your balance and preventing falls
 - Managing health problems like arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, or other conditions
 - None of the above
 - Other, specify: _____

23. Date of completing this survey:
- ___ ___ Month
- ___ ___ Day
- 20 ___ ___ Year

Thank you for your time. Please mail the survey using the prepaid addressed envelope enclosed.