

Attachment R -- AHRQ's Response to Public Comments

Response to comment from Mr. Merrill, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:

We appreciate the Department's suggestion for an additional survey question to be included on the plan level MEPS-Insurance Component (MEPS-IC) form beginning in 2014. The question concerned whether the plan was considered "grandfathered" under the PPACA.

A question on grandfathered status was added to the plan form beginning in 2013. The question wording is as follows:

"Was this a grandfathered health plan as defined by the Affordable Care Act?"
YES/NO/DON'T KNOW

Respondents were directed to the Definition sheet included with the MEPS-IC materials for a description of the term "grandfathered."

The other two comments received from Mr. Merrill concerned the MEPS-Household Component questionnaire, and so are not relevant to the MEPS-IC.