

MCBS^{1991 - 2016}

Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey

Celebrating 25 Years



Medical Planner
2016-2017

A Message from

Thank you for participating in the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS). With your help, we are working to make Medicare a more cost-effective and more high-quality form of health insurance that meets the needs of all beneficiaries. As a reminder, whether you take part in the survey is entirely your choice. Your Medicare benefits will not be affected by the answers that you give, or by whether or not you participate. The information you provide will be kept private to the extent permitted by law, as prescribed by the Privacy Act of 1974.

William Long—Project Officer

A Message from

Your participation in the MCBS provides valuable information to both researchers and policymakers about the needs of Americans who have Medicare health insurance.

CMS collects large amounts of information about hospitals, doctors, and other medical professionals. They can tell how Medicare works for those groups, but the only way to learn about how the Medicare program works for people like you is to ask. AARP supports this survey because we think it is important. Please take part and help improve your Medicare program.

How to Use Your Planner

We are providing this planner to help you organize your doctor visits, possible hospital stays, and other health care-related events. This will help you by providing you one place to keep track of all of these items, both for planning purposes and when trying to recall events with your interviewer. It will also help us ensure that the information we collect is as accurate as possible. If the information we collect does not accurately represent what is going on in your life, it will not be as helpful at improving Medicare.

When using this planner, it is important to record the following types of information in the appropriate date square:

- Doctor and dentist appointments
- When prescribed medicines are filled or re-filled
- The total cost of an event and what you paid
- Hospital visits, including to the emergency room or as an outpatient
- Labs, x-rays, and other tests
- Nursing home stays
- Home health visits by a medical professional, family member, or friend
- Eyeglasses, diabetic equipment, ambulance services, or other medical items purchased

Important Contact Information

For questions or concerns about the survey you can contact MCBS staff at NORC at the University of Chicago at any time.

Call toll-free at: **1-877-389-3429**

Email at: mcbs@norc.org

Visit us at: www.mcbs.norc.org

If you have any questions or concerns about Medicare or your government benefits in general, please refer to the information below:

Call the Medicare Hotline toll-free at: **1-800-633-4227**

Call the Medicare Fraud Hotline toll-free at: **1-800-447-8477**

Call the Social Security Administration toll-free at: **1-800-772-1213**

Visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at:

www.cms.gov

Visit AARP at: www.aarp.org

MY MEDICAL ADDRESS BOOK

Doctor Name: _____

Practice Name: _____

Type of Dr: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Notes: _____

Doctor Name: _____

Practice Name: _____

Type of Dr: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Notes: _____

Doctor Name: _____

Practice Name: _____

Type of Dr: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Notes: _____

Doctor Name: _____

Practice Name: _____

Type of Dr: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Doctor Name: _____

Practice Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Practice Name: _____

Type of Dr: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Notes: _____

Doctor Name: _____

Practice Name: _____

Type of Dr: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Notes: _____

Doctor Name: _____

Practice Name: _____

Type of Dr: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Notes: _____

AUGUST 2016

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	28	29	30	31			
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							

SEPTEMBER 2016

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2	3
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:		Labor Day					
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:	Grandparent's Day						
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:					First Day of Autumn		
	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							

OCTOBER 2016

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4	5	6	7	1/8
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:		Columbus Day	Yom Kippur (Begins at sundown)				
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	30	31					
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:		Halloween					

NOVEMBER 2016

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4	5
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:	Daylight Saving Time ends					Veterans Day	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:					Thanksgiving Day		
	27	28	29	30			
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							

DECEMBER 2016

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2	3
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:				First day of Winter			Hanukkah (Begins at sundown)
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:	Christmas Day						

JANUARY 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:	New Year's Day						
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day					
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	29	30	31				
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							

FEBRUARY 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3	4
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:			Valentine's Day				
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:		Presidents' Day					
	26	27	28				
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							

MARCH 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3	4
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:	Daylight Saving Time starts					St. Patrick's Day	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:		First day of Spring					
	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							

APRIL 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
							1
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							April Fool's Day
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:		Passover (Begins at sundown)				Good Friday	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:	Easter Sunday						
	23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							

MAY 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:	Mothers' Day						
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	28	29	30	31			
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:		Memorial Day					

JUNE 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2	3
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:				Flag Day			
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:	Fathers' Day			First day of Summer			
	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							

JULY 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4	5	6	7	1/8
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:			Independence Day				
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	30	31					
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							

AUGUST 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4	5
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	27	28	29	30	31		
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							

SEPTEMBER 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1	2
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:		Labor Day					
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:	Grandparents Day						
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:				Rosh Hashana (Begins at sundown)		First day of Autumn	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:						Yom Kippur (Begins at sundown)	

OCTOBER 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:		Columbus Day					
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	29	30	31				
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:			Halloween				

NOVEMBER 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3	4
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:	Daylight Saving Time ends						Veterans Day
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:					Thanksgiving Day		
	26	27	28	29	30		
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							

DECEMBER 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1	2
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:							
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:			Hanukkah (Begins at sundown)				
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:					First Day of Winter		
	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
Appointment time:							
Doctor(s) seen:							
Reason for visit:							
Medicine(s) prescribed:							
Other items purchased:							
Amount charged & paid:		Christmas Day					

Any other questions?

Please feel free to contact MCBS staff at NORC at the University of Chicago at any time.

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