

# Attachment Survey VIII: MA-Only Survey



## Medicare Advantage Health Plan Disenrollment Survey

As you answer the questions in this survey, please think only of [your former health plan](#) whose name and contract number are printed in the box below:

## Survey Instructions

***This survey asks about you and the care you received from your former health plan. The name of your former plan is printed on the cover of this survey.***

- ◆ Answer each question based only on your experiences with your former plan.
- ◆ Answer each question thinking about yourself.

***As you complete the survey:***

- ◆ Answer all the questions by putting an “X” in the box to the left of your answer, like this:  
  
 Yes
- ◆ Be sure to read all the answer choices given before marking your answer.
- ◆ Some questions have instructions that tell you to skip questions that may not apply to you. When this happens you will see an arrow with a note that tells you what question to answer next, like this: **[If No, go to Question 3]**.

***Please take the time to complete this survey. Your answers are very important to us. Please return the survey with your answers in the enclosed postage-paid envelope to CSS (the survey research organization helping CMS conduct this survey).***

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**ATTENTION: Some questions have instructions that tell you to skip questions that may not apply to you. Please check for a skip instruction after you answer each question.**

## **YOUR FORMER HEALTH PLAN**

We are sending you this survey because we believe you recently switched or dropped your Medicare health plan.

1. **Our records show that you used to belong to the health plan whose name is printed on the cover of this survey but that you no longer belong to that plan. Is that right?**
  - Yes, I switched to a different Medicare health plan **Go to Question 2**
  - I switched health plans but my **former** plan was not the plan printed on the cover of this survey **Go to Question 2**
  - No, I did not switch plans or drop my Medicare health plan recently **Stop. Do not complete the rest of this survey. Please return the survey in the enclosed envelope.**
  
2. **Did you have to switch plans or drop your former Medicare health plan for any of the following reasons?**
  - I moved outside of the area where the plan was available **Stop. Do not complete the rest of this survey. Please return the survey in the enclosed envelope.**
  - I was dropped by the plan **Stop. Do not complete the rest of this survey. Please return the survey in the enclosed envelope.**
  - The plan was cancelled or discontinued in my area **Stop. Do not complete the rest of this survey. Please return the survey in the enclosed envelope.**
  - The plan was changed or discontinued by the organization that provides my insurance (such as a former employer or a union) **Stop. Do not complete the rest of this survey. Please return the survey in the enclosed envelope.**
  - None of the above **Continue survey, go to Question 3**

## GETTING INFORMATION OR HELP FROM YOUR FORMER HEALTH PLAN

As you answer the questions in this survey, please think only of your former health plan (whose name is printed on the cover of this survey).

3. Did you ever try to get information or help from your former plan's customer service?

- Yes
- No If No, go to Question 5

4. How often did your former plan's customer service give you the information or help you needed?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always
- I did not try to get information or help from my former plan's customer service

## GETTING HEALTH CARE YOU NEEDED FROM YOUR FORMER HEALTH PLAN

5. How often was it easy to get the care, tests, or treatment you needed through your former plan?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always
- I did not try to get any kind of care, tests, or treatment through my former plan

6. In the last 6 months, did you make an appointment to see a specialist?

- Yes
- No If no, go to Question 8
- Someone else made my specialist appointments for me

7. In the last 6 months, how often did you get an appointment to see a specialist as soon as you needed?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always
- I did not make an appointment to see a specialist

8. Using any number from 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst health plan possible and 10 is the best health plan possible, what number would you use to rate your former plan?

- 0 Worst health plan possible
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 Best health plan possible

## REASONS YOU LEFT YOUR FORMER HEALTH PLAN

The next questions are about reasons you may have had for switching or dropping your former health plan.

9. Did you leave your former plan because you found out that someone had signed you up for the plan without your permission?
- Yes  
 No
10. Did you leave your former plan because you were taken off the plan by mistake?
- Yes  
 No
11. Did you leave your former plan because the dollar amount you had to pay each time you visited a doctor went up?
- Yes  
 No  
 I did not have to pay for doctor visits
12. Some people have to pay their health plan a monthly fee (called a premium) out of their own pocket for health coverage.
- Did you leave your former plan because this monthly fee went up?
- Yes  
 No  
 I did not have to pay my former plan a monthly fee out of my own pocket
13. Did you leave your former plan because you found a health plan that costs less?
- Yes  
 No
14. Did you leave your former plan because a change in your personal finances meant you could no longer afford the plan?
- Yes  
 No
15. Did you leave your former plan because a change in your health meant the plan no longer met your needs?
- Yes  
 No
16. Did you leave your former plan because it turned out to be more expensive than you expected?
- Yes  
 No
17. Did you leave your former plan because you were frustrated by the plan's approval process for care, tests, or treatment?
- Yes  
 No

18. Did you leave your former plan because you had problems getting the care, tests, or treatment you needed?

- Yes
- No

19. Claims are sent to a health plan for payment. You may send in the claims yourself or doctors, hospitals, or others may do this for you.

Did you leave your former plan because you had problems getting the plan to pay a claim?

- Yes
- No

20. Did you leave your former plan because the doctors or other health care providers you wanted to see did not belong to the plan?

- Yes
- No

21. Did you leave your former plan because clinics or hospitals you wanted to go to for care were not covered by the plan?

- Yes
- No

22. Did you leave your former plan because it was hard to get information from the plan—like which health care services were covered or how much a specific test or treatment would cost?

- Yes
- No

23. Did you leave your former plan because you were unhappy with how the plan handled a question or complaint?

- Yes
- No

24. Did you leave your former plan because you could not get the information or help you needed from the plan?

- Yes
- No

25. Did you leave your former plan because their customer service staff did not treat you with courtesy and respect?

- Yes
- No

26. Every year Medicare evaluates all health plans and gives them a star rating.

Did you leave your former plan because it got a low Medicare star rating?

- Yes
- No

27. Did you leave your former plan because you found another plan with a higher Medicare star rating?

- Yes
- No

## OTHER REASONS FOR LEAVING YOUR FORMER HEALTH PLAN

28. Did you leave your former plan because a family member or friend told you about a better plan?
- Yes  
 No
29. Did you leave your former plan because you saw a commercial or advertisement for a health plan you thought you would like better?
- Yes  
 No
30. Did you leave your former plan because you found another plan that better met your prescription needs?
- Yes  
 No
31. Did you leave your former plan because another plan offered better benefits or coverage (for example, dental or vision care)?
- Yes  
 No

## ABOUT YOU

32. In general, how would you rate your overall health?
- Excellent  
 Very good  
 Good  
 Fair  
 Poor

33. In general, how would you rate your overall mental or emotional health?
- Excellent  
 Very good  
 Good  
 Fair  
 Poor

34. In the past 12 months, how many different prescription medicines did you take?
- None  
 1 to 2 medicines  
 3 to 5 medicines  
 6 or more medicines

35. In the past 12 months, have you seen a doctor or other health provider 3 or more times for the same condition or problem?
- Yes  
 No If No, go to Question 36

36. Is this a condition or problem that has lasted for at least 3 months?
- Yes  
 No

37. Do you now need or take medicine prescribed by a doctor for any condition?
- Yes  
 No If No, go to Question 38



38. Is this medicine to treat a condition that has lasted for at least 3 months?

- Yes
- No

39. Has a doctor ever told you that you had any of the following conditions?

- a. A heart attack  Yes  No
- b. Angina or coronary heart disease  Yes  No
- c. High blood pressure or hypertension  Yes  No
- d. Cancer, other than skin cancer  Yes  No
- e. Emphysema, asthma or COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)  Yes  No
- f. Any kind of diabetes or high blood sugar  Yes  No

40. 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 4-year college degree

41. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
- No, not Hispanic or Latino

42. What is your race? Please mark one or more.

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

43. What language do you mainly speak at home?

- Chinese
- English
- Russian
- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Some other language (please print)

44. Did someone help you complete this survey?

- Yes
- No **If No, go to Question 45**

45. How did that person help you? Please mark one or more.

- Read the questions to me
- Wrote down the answers I gave
- Answered the questions for me
- Translated the questions into my language
- Helped in some other way (please print)

**46. May we contact you again if we have any questions about your survey responses or if we have other questions about the health care services that you received?**

Yes

No

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY**

**Please return your completed survey in the postage paid  
envelope to:**

**MEDICARE SATISFACTION SURVEY  
PO BOX 3416  
HOPKINS, MN 55343-9740**