# Beneficiary Health Survey (SF-36)[[1]](#footnote-2)

# (CMS-10728, OMB 0938-New)

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| The Health Survey asks 36 questions to measure functional health and well-being from the patient's point of view. It is a practical, reliable and valid measure of physical and mental health that can be completed in five to ten minutes. |

**Choose one option** for each questionnaire item.

* 1. In general, would you say your health is:

 1 – Excellent

  2 - Very good

  3 - Good

 4 – Fair

 5 - Poor

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

 1 - Much better now than one year ago

 2 - Somewhat better now than one year ago

  3 - About the same

 4 - Somewhat worse now than one year ago

 5 -Much worse now than one year ago

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



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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes, limited a lot | Yes, limited a little | No, not limited at all |
| 3. **Vigorous activities**, such as running, lifting heavy objects, participating in strenuous sports |  1 |  2 |  3 |
| 4. **Moderate activities**, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling, or playing golf |  1 |  2 |  3 |
| 5. Lifting or carrying groceries |  1 |  2 |  3 |
| 6. Climbing **several** flights of stairs |  1 |  2 |  3 |
| 7. Climbing **one** flight of stairs |  1 |  2 |  3 |
| 8. Bending, kneeling, or stooping |  1 |  2 |  3 |
| 9. Walking **more than a mile** |  1 |  2 |  3 |
| 10. Walking **several blocks** |  1 |  2 |  3 |
| 11. Walking **one block** |  1 |  2 |  3 |
| 12. Bathing or dressing yourself |  1 |  2 | 3 |

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

1. Cut down the **amount of time** you spent on work or other activities
2. **Accomplished less** than you would like
3. Were limited in the **kind** of work or other activities
4. Had **difficulty** performing the work or other activities (for example, it took extra

Yes No

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 effort)

During the **past 4 weeks**, 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)?

Yes No

1. Cut down the **amount of time** you spent on work or other activities  1  2
2. **Accomplished less** than you would like  1  2
3. Didn't do work or other activities as **carefully** as usual  1  2
4. 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?

 1 - Not at all

 2 - Slightly

 3 - Moderately

 4 - Quite a bit

 5 - Extremely

1. How much **bodily** pain have you had during the **past 4 weeks**?

 1 - None

 2 - Very mild

 3 - Mild

 4 - Moderate

 5 - Severe

 6 - Very severe

1. During the **past 4 weeks**, how much did **pain** interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and housework)?

  1 - Not at all

  2 - A little bit

  3 - Moderately  4 - Quite a bit

 5 - Extremely

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**...

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | All of | Most | A good | Some | A little | None |
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| time | time | time | time | time  |  time |
| 23. Did you feel full of pep? |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |  6 |
| 24. Have you been a very nervous person? |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |  6 |
| 25. Have you felt so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up? |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |  6 |
| 26. Have you felt calm and peaceful? |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |  6 |
| 27. Did you have a lot of energy? |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |  6 |
| 28. Have you felt downhearted and blue? |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |  6 |
| 29. Did you feel worn out? |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |  6 |
| 30. Have you been a happy person? |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |  6 |
| 31. Did you feel tired? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

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

 1 - All of the time

 2 - Most of the time

 3 - Some of the time

 4 - A little of the time

 5 - None of the time

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Definitely true | Mostly true | Don't know |  Mostly  false | Definitely false |
| 33. I seem to get sick a little easier than other people |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |
| 34. I am as healthy as anybody I know |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |
| 35. I expect my health to get worse |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |
| 36. My health is excellent |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |

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1. **Acknowledgement: The 36 – Item Short- Form (SF-36) was developed by RAND as part of the Medical Outcomes Study.** [↑](#footnote-ref-2)