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Coordinated State Coverage Survey (CSCS)

The Coordinated State Coverage Survey (CSCS) is a household telephone survey developed by staff at the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) for estimation of health insurance coverage at the state level. It is modeled after the state household survey used to monitor the uninsured for the state of Minnesota since 1990. The survey instrument is programmed using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) software; the survey instrument and CATI program are provided *free of charge* to states interested in collecting data on health insurance coverage. As the CSCS is used by more states it will provide comparable data between states over time. Currently versions of the survey have been administered in Colorado, Connecticut, Minnesota and West Virginia.

SHADAC is recruiting states to participate in the CSCS. SHADAC will provide detailed survey documentation on weighting, editing and imputation for the CSCS. The CSCS instrument is designed to save states time and resources by providing a high quality survey instrument, CATI programming and the accompanying survey documentation. Finally, SHADAC will provide participating states with a source of data to compare coverage rates across states and over time.

This document describes the core survey instrument that includes questions about health insurance status and basic demographic information.

Overview of CSCS Content and Approach

- Targets primary residences using county identifiers
- Establishes contact with person in household most knowledgeable about health insurance
- Enumerates who is in the household
- One "target" person is selected at random
- The relationship of the target to all other household members is established
- Target's current and prior year (annual) health insurance coverage is determined
- Current health insurance coverage info is asked of all other household members (this could be optional)

Based on annual insurance status, target respondents are sorted into the following groups: (1) employer based insurance all year, (2) individual coverage all year, (3) uninsured all year, (4) had a spell of uninsurance during the past 12 months, and everyone else. The CSCS also includes modules of additional questions specifically designed for these groups. Below is a brief outline of the information collected by the CSCS.

I. HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TARGET PERSON

Is target currently covered by:

- A. State and Federal Government Health Coverage:
 - 1. Medicare coverage (with follow-up questions about Medigap and Medicare + Choice participation, and drug benefits)
 - 2. Railroad Retirement Plan insurance
 - 3. VA, CHAMPUS, and Military Health Care
 - 4. Indian Health Services
 - 5. Medicaid coverage with state specific Medicaid program names
 - 6. Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) with state specific names
 - 7. Other state specific health insurance programs
 - 8. State specific programs targeting a pool of high risk people
- B. Employer based health insurance:
 - 1. Through a person's own employer/union
 - 2. Through someone else's employer/union
- C. Individually purchased health plans
 - 1. Health insurance purchased directly from an insurance company
 - a. Follow-up regarding whether the policy is for self only or covers others (optional)
 - b. Follow-up to determine the premium cost, deductibles, and provision of drug coverage (optional)
- D. Follow-up verification question to make sure that persons who did not select a health insurance plan really are uninsured.

After current health insurance coverage is established, coverage over past year (12 months) is established.

II. CURRENT HEALTH INSURANCE STATUS FOR EVERYONE ELSE IN THE HOUSEHOLD THROUGH A ROSTER QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

III. DENTAL COVERAGE (OPTIONAL)

IV. GENERAL HEALTH STATUS AND HEALTH CARE UTILIZATION

Includes a general health status question as well as use of services over the prior 3 to 12 months.

V. HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

- A. Household size
- B. Relationships for people within the household
- C. Age of household members
- D. Gender of household members
- E. How many people live off the household income
- F. Number of children under the age of 18 living off of pool of income
- G. Total pooled income for household
- H. Categorical follow-up for those who refuse to answer the income question

VI. TARGET PERSON CHARACTERISTICS*

- A. Hispanic ethnicity
- B. Race
- C. Length of time person has lived within the state
- D. Length of time in Minnesota
- E. Country of birth
- F. Marital status
- G. Education
- H. Employment status
 - 1. How many paying jobs
 - 2. How many hours per week worked
 - 3. Full time or part-time
 - 4. Permanent position or temporary
 - 5. Length of tenure with current job
 - 6. When person last worked
 - 7. Size of employer

VII. GEOGRAPHY

- A. County
- B. Zip code
- C. Telephone number

VIII. SURVEY OPERATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Check item to make sure children are not being interviewed
- B. Question to determine whether a proxy interview is necessary, and note the reason for proxy interview
- C. Number of answerable phone numbers connecting to the household
- D. Interruption in phone service (used to adjust for non-telephone households)
- E. Date and time of interview
- F. Unique interviewer identifier
- G. Final disposition codes for determining response rate
- H. Is the housing unit a seasonal home or temporary residence

IX. LONG FORM QUESTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

Based on annual insurance status, in-depth questions can be asked of those with group insurance, those purchasing their own policy, those without insurance all or part of the prior 12-month period (e.g., access to insurance through an employer or family member, access to care, main reason they don't have coverage, knowledge of public insurance programs).

** If the target person is a minor then information on items A-E is collected for the minor, and information on items A-H is collected for one adult in the family.*