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MGA Project Number -- EBd

STATE: _____

MALE: FEMALE:

RESPONDENT'S
NAME: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Q. NUMBER: _____ GEO. AREA: _____

VALIDATED BY: _____ 5-7 _____

INTERVIEWER'S USE:

DATE: ____ / ____ / ____ TIME BEGUN: ____:____

INTER. ID: ____ TIME ENDED: ____:____

INTERVIEWER'S SIGN.: _____

Hello, my name is **(FIRST AND LAST NAME)**. I am calling from National Research, Inc., a research firm in Washington, D.C. May I speak to the youngest male, 21 years old or older who lives in the household?
[WHEN APPROPRIATE PERSON IS ON THE PHONE]
 We are calling tonight to ask people like yourself a few questions about some important issues of concern to Americans today. This is not a sales call.

(AS NECESSARY: This is a national survey; your telephone number was selected at random.)

RECORD PHONE NUMBER _____

RECORD GENDER. **(DON'T ASK -- JUST RECORD)** Male 1
[QUOTA: 1/2 Male, 1/2 Female] Female 2

1 To begin, which one of the following issues do you believe is the most critical in America today?
[READ AND ROTATE -- ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Crime..... 1
- Health care..... 2
- Drug abuse 3
- Education 4
- Global warming 5
- The economy 6
- Reducing the deficit..... 7
- (VOL)** Don't Know 8
- (VOL)** Refused..... 9

D1 I need to ask a few questions about you and your household so that I can ask you the set of questions on the survey that best applies to you. In what year were you born? 1 9 _____

[IF 1977 OR LATER, THANK AND TERMINATE]

- 2 How would you rate health care in America today?
 Would you say it is **[READ 5 – 1]**
- Excellent..... 5
 - Very good..... 4
 - Good 3
 - Fair 2
 - Poor..... 1
 - (VOL)** Don't know..... 6
 - (VOL)** Refused..... 7

- 3 Over the last five years would you say that **[READ a – c]** in America (has / have) gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse?
- | | <u>Better</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>Worse</u> | (VOL)
DK | (VOL)
REF |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| a. Health care, in general | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| b. Health care costs | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| c. Health insurance coverage | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 |

- 4 Which of the following comes closest to your view about the health care system in America today?

[ALTERNATE REVERSE ORDER, i.e. read 1, 2, 3 then 3, 2, 1]

The system:

- Needs major changes 1
- Needs some minor changes..... 2
- Does not need to be changed at all..... 3
- (VOL)** DK..... 4
- (VOL)** REF 5

- 5 Would you favor or oppose that all health insurance plans be required to include a minimum level of benefits in all plans that they offer? **[FOLLOW UP:]** Would that be strongly or somewhat?

- Strongly favor4
- Somewhat favor3
- Somewhat oppose2
- Strongly oppose1
- (VOL)** Depends5
- (VOL)** Don't Know6
- (VOL)** Refused.....7

- 6 This questions was incorporated into Q7

- 7 Now I would like to ask you about some specific aspects of the health care you have received over the past two years. If you have not had any experience with any particular aspect of health care, please let me know. What about **[READ A, THEN ROTATE B – I]**. Would you say you are extremely satisfied, very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied or not at all satisfied with that aspect?

[FIRST PROBE ON DON'T KNOW: IS THAT BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT HAD ANY EXPERIENCE WITH THAT?]

[SECOND PROBE: WHICH OF THOSE CATEGORIES WOULD YOU LEAN TOWARD?]

	Extremely Satisfied	Very Satis.	Smwht Satis.	Not too Satis.	Not at all Satis.	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF	(VOL) Not Applicable
a. In general, the care you've received in the last two years	5	4	3	2	1	6	7	8
b. Ability to choose your doctor	5	4	3	2	1	6	7	8
c. Quality of medical care you received	5	4	3	2	1	6	7	8
d. Claims processing	5	4	3	2	1	6	7	8
e. Cost of your health insurance	5	4	3	2	1	6	7	8
f. Health costs not covered by your insurance	5	4	3	2	1	6	7	8
g. Hospitals you have been treated at	5	4	3	2	1	6	7	8
h. Treatments you have received	5	4	3	2	1	6	7	8
i. Benefits covered by your insurer	5	4	3	2	1	6	7	8

[SKIP TO Q8]

8 [USE THIS WORDING FOR THOSE BETWEEN AGES 55 AND 64]

Next, I would like to know how confident you are about certain aspects of health care from now until you are eligible for Medicare. First, **[READ AND ROTATE a – d]**. Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not at all confident about that?

[ALL OTHERS]

Next, I would like to know how confident you are about certain aspects of health care during the next ten years. First, **[READ AND ROTATE a – d]**. Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not at all confident about that?

[FIRST PROBE ON DON'T KNOW: WHICH OF THOSE CATEGORIES WOULD YOU LEAN TOWARDS?]**[SECOND PROBE: IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE ONE CATEGORY WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE?]**

	Extremely Confid.	Very Confid	Smwht Confid	Not too Confid.	Not at all Confid	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF
a. You will be able to get the treatments you need	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
b. You will be able to afford health care without suffering financial hardship	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
c. You will have enough freedom to choose who provides your medical care	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
d. You will have access to quality health care	5	4	3	2	1	6	7

[ASK ONLY THOSE YOUNGER THAN 65 :]

9 Next, I would like to know how confident you are about certain aspects of health care once you become eligible for Medicare. First, **[READ AND ROTATE a – d]**. Would you say you are extremely, very, somewhat, not too or not at all confident about that?

[FIRST PROBE ON DON'T KNOW: WHICH OF THOSE CATEGORIES WOULD YOU LEAN TOWARDS?]

[SECOND PROBE: IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE ONE CATEGORY WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE?]

	Extremely Confid.	Very Confid	Smwht Confid	Not too Confid.	Not at all Confid	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF
a. You will be able to get the treatments you need	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
b. You will be able to afford health care without suffering financial hardship	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
c. You will have enough freedom to choose who provides your medical care	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
d. You will have access to quality health care	5	4	3	2	1	6	7

D2 Now I have a few more questions about you, so I can determine which questions best apply to you. What is your current marital status? Are you **[READ 1-5]**:

- Married 1
- Divorced or separated..... 2
- Widowed, or 3
- Single, never married 4
- Single, living with a partner 5
- (VOL)** Don't know..... 6
- (VOL)** Refused..... 7

D3 How many children under the age of 18 do you have some financial responsibility for?

_____ children

- D4 Which of the following best describes your current employment status? (READ 1-8):
- Self-employed [SKIP TO QD6] 1
 - Employed part-time [SKIP TO QD6] 2
 - Employed full-time [SKIP TO QD6] 3
 - Retired [ASK QD5] 4
 - A homemaker [SKIP TO Q10] 5
 - A full-time student [SKIP TO Q10] 6
 - Unemployed or temporarily laid off, or [SKIP TO Q10] 7
 - Something else (SPECIFY) [SKIP TO Q10] 8
-
- (VOL) Don't know
- (VOL) Refused [SKIP TO Q10] 9
- D5 [IF "RETIRED", ASK:]
- Do you do any full-time or part-time work for which you are paid?
- Yes 1
 - No 2
 - (VOL) Don't know 3
 - (VOL) Refused 4
- [ALL IN D5 GO TO Q10]
- D6 [IF EMPLOYED "FULL-TIME," "PART-TIME" OR "SELF-EMPLOYED ASK:]
- Have you retired from a previous career?
- Yes 1
 - No 2
 - (VOL) Don't know 3
 - (VOL) Refused 4
- 10 Are you, yourself, currently covered by any form of health insurance, including an HMO, Medicare or Medicaid?
- Yes [SKIP TO Q17] 1
 - No 2
 - (VOL) Don't know 3
 - (VOL) Refused 4
- 11 [IF MARRIED, D2 = 1, ASK]
- Does your spouse have health insurance coverage through any of the following:
[READ 1 – 8, IF NECESSARY]
- The same plan you have 1
 - Through their employer 2
 - A plan bought by themselves, not through any employer 3
 - Medicaid 4
 - Medicare 5
 - Other government plan 6
 - Some other way, specify 7
 - Spouse not covered 8
 - (VOL) Don't know 9
 - (VOL) Refused 10

12 **[IF HAVE CHILDREN FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR, D3 > 0, ASK:]**

Do your children have health insurance coverage through any of the following:

[READ 1 – 9, IF NECESSARY]

- Your plan.....1
- Spouse’s coverage through work2
- Other family member’s policy.....3
- Individual coverage4
- Medicaid.....5
- Medicare6
- Other government policy.....7
- Some other way, specify
_____8
- Kids not covered9
- (VOL)** Don’t know.....10
- (VOL)** Refused.....11

[ASK Q13 – Q16 IF DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE, Q10 = 2, 3 or 4]

[ASK Q13 IF RESPONDENT AND / OR SPOUSE IS WORKING]

- 13 Does your employer (or your spouse's employer) offer health insurance to any employees?
- Yes, respondent's employer 1
 - Yes, spouse's employer..... 2
 - Both employers offer..... 3
 - No 4
 - (VOL)** Don't know 5
 - (VOL)** Refused..... 6

14a Which of the following describe reasons why you do not have health insurance? First, **[READ AND ROTATE a – f, THEN g]**. Would you say that is a major reason, minor reason or not a reason you do not currently have health insurance? **[PROBE TWICE ON DON'T KNOW]**

14b Which of those is the most important reason you do not have health insurance?

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF	Most Important reason
[READ FIRST]						
a. The cost is too high	3	2	1	4	5	1
b. Your employer does not offer a plan	3	2	1	4	5	2
c. You are not eligible for an employer's plan	3	2	1	4	5	3
d. You do not feel you need health insurance	3	2	1	4	5	4
e. You are not currently employed	3	2	1	4	5	5
f. You have been denied coverage	3	2	1	4	5	6
g. Some other reason, specify: _____	3	2	1	4	5	7
						DK / Ref
						8

15 Which of the following would convince you to purchase health insurance: **[READ 1 – 6]**

[MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED]

- If the cost were lowered a bit1
- If the cost were cut in half2
- If your employer began offering3
- If you became sick4
- If you felt you needed insurance5
- None of the above.....6
- Other, specify:
_____.....7
- (VOL)** Don't Know.....8
- (VOL)** Refused.....9

16 Where do you usually get your medical care?
From a **[READ 1 – 7]**

[ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

- Health Clinic1
- Doctor's office.....2
- Emergency room3
- Urgent care facility4
- Hospital out-patient facility.....5
- Alternative health care practitioner6
- Some other way, specify
_____7
- (VOL)** Do not receive any services8
- (VOL)** Don't know9
- (VOL)** Refused10

[ALL IN Q16 -- SKIP TO Q27]

[ASK Q17 – Q26 IF HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE, Q10 = 1]

Now let me ask you a few questions about your health insurance coverage.

17 Do you receive health insurance coverage through any of the following methods:

[READ 1 – 9, IF NECESSARY]

[MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED, IF NECESSARY]

Your current employer or union1

[IF MARRIED]

Your spouse's employer or union2

A former employer or union3

Someone else's employer or union4

A plan you bought yourself, not through an employer5

Medicaid6

Medicare7

Another government program.....8

Some other way, specify _____.....9

(VOL) Don't know10

(VOL) Refused.....11

18 **[IF HAVE MEDICARE, Q17 = 7]**

Do you currently have any health care coverage in addition to Medicare?

Yes 1

No..... 2

(VOL) Don't know..... 3

(VOL) Refused 4

19 **[IF HAVE FORMER EMPLOYER COVERAGE Q17 = 3]**

Are you on a COBRA plan or do you have a health plan for retirees from your former employer?

COBRA 1

Retiree health 2

No..... 3

(VOL) Don't know..... 4

(VOL) Refused 5

[IF HAVE EMPLOYER COVERAGE, Q17 = 1, 2, 3 OR 4]

20 Approximately how long have you been covered by your current health insurance plan?

_____ years _____ months

(VOL) Don't Know 98

(VOL) Refused 99

[IF HAVE EMPLOYER COVERAGE, Q17 = 1, 2, 3 OR 4]

21 Do you currently have the option to choose from more than one health plan, even if all plans are from the same insurance company?

Yes 1

No..... 2

(VOL) Don't know..... 3

(VOL) Refused 4

[IF HAVE EMPLOYER COVERAGE, Q17 = 1, 2, 3 OR 4]

22 Approximately how much per month do you think that the employer or union (or your spouse's employer / union) pays for the health insurance coverage for you (or your family) personally?

[DOLLAR AMOUNT]

(VOL) Don't know 9998
 (VOL) Refused 9999

[IF HAVE NON-GOVERNMENT COVERAGE, Q17 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 OR 9]

23 How much per month do you currently pay toward your health insurance coverage ?

[DOLLAR AMOUNT]

(VOL) Don't Know 101
 (VOL) Refused 102

[IF HAVE NON-GOVERNMENT COVERAGE, Q17 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 OR 9]

Now I would like to ask you some questions specifically about your current health insurance plan.

- 24a. Some plans charge less if you use a doctor from a list. They allow you to go to a doctor not on the list, however, you will pay more to do this. Does your current plan work this way or not?
 - Yes 1
 - No 2
 - (VOL) Don't know 3
 - (VOL) Refused 4

- 24b. Some plans require you to sign up with one specific primary care doctor or group of doctors who provide all of your routine health care. Does your current plan work this way or not?
 - Yes 1
 - No 2
 - (VOL) Don't know 3
 - (VOL) Refused 4

- 24c. Some plans require you to have approval before they will pay for any of your costs for visiting a doctor who is not in the plan. Does your plan work this way or not?
 - Yes 1
 - No 2
 - (VOL) Don't know 3
 - (VOL) Refused 4

- 24d. Some plans require you to have a referral by a primary care doctor before you can see a specialist. Does you plan work this way or not?
 - Yes 1
 - No 2
 - (VOL) Don't know 3
 - (VOL) Refused 4

- 24e. Some plans allow you to go to any doctor and then submit your bill for reimbursement. There is no list of preferred doctors, you may see any doctor you choose. Does your plan work this way or not?
 - Yes 1
 - No 2
 - (VOL) Don't know 3
 - (VOL) Refused 4

[IF HAVE NON-GOVERNMENT COVERAGE, Q17 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 OR 9]

24f. How would you describe the plan you have?: **[READ 1 -- 5]**

- Traditional health insurance..... 1
- An "HMO" or Health Maintenance Organization..... 2
- A Preferred Provider Organization 3
- A Point of Service plan 4
- Or some other type, specify
_____ 5
- (VOL)** Don't know 6
- (VOL)** Refused 7

[ALL WITH HEALTH INSURANCE]

25 Overall, how satisfied are you with your current health insurance plan? Would you say you are: **[READ 5 – 1]**

- Extremely satisfied 5
- Very satisfied..... 4
- Somewhat satisfied 3
- Not too satisfied..... 2
- Not at all satisfied 1
- (VOL)** Don't know 6
- (VOL)** Refused 7

[ALL WITH HEALTH INSURANCE]

26 Are you now, or have you ever been, in a managed care health plan?

- Yes, currently enrolled..... 1
- Yes, previously enrolled 2
- No, never in a managed care plan 4
- (VOL)** Yes, both and previously 3
- (VOL)** Don't know 5
- (VOL)** Refused 6

[END QUESTIONS ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WITH HEALTH INSURANCE]

[ALL RESPONDENTS]

27 Would you favor or oppose an increase in government regulation of health insurance plans?
[FOLLOW UP:] Would that be strongly or somewhat?

- Strongly favor4
- Somewhat favor3
- Somewhat oppose2
- Strongly oppose1
- (VOL)** Depends5
- (VOL)** Don't Know6
- (VOL)** Refused.....7

28 Would you favor or oppose additional government regulation of health insurance plans, if it increased health insurance costs by \$50 a month? **[FOLLOW UP:]** Would that be strongly or somewhat?

- Strongly favor **[SKIP TO Q30]**4
- Somewhat favor3
- Somewhat oppose2
- Strongly oppose1
- (VOL)** Depends5
- (VOL)** Don't Know6
- (VOL)** Refused.....7

29 What if it increased health insurance costs by \$10 a month? **[FOLLOW UP:]** Would that be strongly or somewhat?

- Strongly favor4
- Somewhat favor3
- Somewhat oppose2
- Strongly oppose1
- (VOL)** Depends5
- (VOL)** Don't Know6
- (VOL)** Refused.....7

30 How familiar would you say you are with managed care health plans? Would you say you are: **[READ 5 – 1]**

- Extremely familiar5
- Very familiar4
- Somewhat Familiar3
- Not too familiar2
- Not at all familiar.....1
- (VOL)** Don't know6
- (VOL)** Refused7

31 I would like to ask you to rate a few aspects of managed care health plans, regardless of whether or not you have had any personal experience with managed care. Would you say **[READ AND ROTATE a – g]** is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor? **[PROBE TWICE ON DON'T KNOW]**

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF
a. The quality of care available	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
b. The access to specialists	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
c. The choice of doctors	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
d. The cost	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
e. Access to preventive health care	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
f. Choice of hospitals	5	4	3	2	1	6	7
g. Access to experimental treatments	5	4	3	2	1	6	7

32 In general, are your opinions about managed care based on:
[ROTATE 1 – 3]
[ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

Your own experience with a managed care plan 1
 What you've learned from friends and family 2
 What you've seen, heard or read on television, in newspapers or other media 3
(VOL) Other, specify 4
 _____ 4
(VOL) DK..... 5
(VOL) REF 6

33 How many Americans do you believe are not covered by any form of health insurance, including Medicare or Medicaid?
[READ 1 – 6, IF NECESSARY]
 Would you say it is:

Less than 10 million..... 1
 10 to 20 million 2
 20 to 30 million 3
 30 to 40 million 4
 40 to 50 million 5
 50 million or more..... 6
(VOL) Don't know..... 7
(VOL) Refused..... 8

34 In the next ten years, do you think the number of uninsured Americans will decrease, increase or stay the same?

Increase 3
 Stay the same 2
 Decrease..... 1
(VOL) Don't know..... 4
(VOL) Refused..... 5

35 In order to guarantee all Americans have access to health insurance, would you support or oppose the following **[READ AND ROTATE a - f]**

[FOLLOW UP:] Would that be strongly or somewhat (support or oppose)?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	(VOL) Depends	(VOL) DK	(VOL) REF
a. A 1% increase in payroll taxes for employers	4	3	2	1	5	6	7
b. Allowing uninsured people to buy into Medicare	4	3	2	1	5	6	7
c. A 1% increase in doctor and hospital taxes	4	3	2	1	5	6	7
d. Requiring all employers to offer health insurance to employees	4	3	2	1	5	6	7
e. A 1% increase in health insurance company taxes	4	3	2	1	5	6	7
f. A 1% increase in income taxes	4	3	2	1	5	6	7

36 Have you, or an immediate family member, ever passed up another job opportunity, stayed at a job you would have quit otherwise, or not retired only because you needed to keep the health insurance coverage you were receiving?

- Yes 1
- No **[SKIP TO Q38 IF WORKING/ Q46 IF RETIRED]** 2
- (VOL) DK [SKIP TO Q38 IF WORKING / Q46 IF RETIRED]** 3
- (VOL) REF [SKIP TO Q38 IF WORKING / Q46 IF RETIRED]** 4

37 Which of the following best describes the reason or reasons you or your family member stayed: **[READ LIST, ALLOW ONLY ONE ANSWER]**

- Potential employer did not offer health insurance 1
- Potential employer offered fewer benefits than you had 2
- You or a family member had a medical condition that would not be covered by a potential employer's health plan 3
- The potential employer's health plan cost too much 4
- You could not afford health insurance on your own 5
- Other, specify 6
- (VOL) DK** 7
- (VOL) REF** 8

[ASK Q38 – Q45 IF WORKING]

38 At what age do you expect to retire? _____
[ACCEPT SPECIFIC AGE ONLY -- NO RANGES]

39 When determining what age you expect to retire, how much do you think about access to health insurance benefits?
 Would you say you think about it **[READ 3 –1]**

A lot.....	3
A little	2
None	1
(VOL) DK.....	4
(VOL) REF.....	5

40 If you were guaranteed you could get health insurance, but you had to pay the full premium, would you consider retiring earlier than you currently expect to?

Yes	1
No	2
(VOL) Depends on cost.....	3
(VOL) DK.....	4
(VOL) REF.....	5

41 What if the premium cost \$300 a month, would you consider retiring earlier than you currently expect to?

Yes	1
No	2
(VOL) DK.....	3
(VOL) REF.....	4

42 During your retirement, do you expect to receive health insurance coverage through a former employer or union?

Yes	1
No	2
(VOL) DK.....	3
(VOL) REF.....	4

43 Would you retire before you are eligible for Medicare if a former employer or union did not provide health insurance benefits for retirees?

Yes	1
No	2
(VOL) DK.....	3
(VOL) REF.....	4

44 [IF EXPECT TO RETIRE BEFORE 65]

How do you expect to get health insurance between **[AGE GIVEN IN Q54]** and when you are eligible to receive Medicare? **[READ 1 –8]**

- Your former employer 1
- Your spouse’s employer 2
- Someone else’s employer..... 3
- A private plan you buy yourself..... 4
- Would go without coverage..... 5
- Buy-in to Medicare 6
- Medicaid or other Government plan..... 7
- Personal savings / my own money 8

[PROBE TWICE BEFORE ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING]

- (VOL) Don't know..... 9**
- (VOL) Refused..... 10**

45 Once you become eligible, do you believe that the Medicare program will be able to provide you with health insurance throughout your retirement?

Yes	1
No.....	2
(VOL) DK.....	3
(VOL) REF	4

[ALL IN 45a SKIP TO Q51]

[ASK Q46 – Q50 IF RETIRED:]

46 At what age did you retire? _____

47 When determining what age to retire, how much did you think about access to health insurance benefits? Would you say you thought about it **[READ 3 – 1]**

A lot.....	3
A little	2
None	1
(VOL) DK	4
(VOL) REF	5

48 [IF RETIRED BEFORE 65 AND OLDER THAN 65]

How did you get health insurance between **[AGE GIVEN IN Q46]** and when you were eligible to receive Medicare?

Your former employer	1
Your spouse’s employer	2
Someone else’s employer.....	3
A private plan you buy yourself	4
Went without coverage	5
Buy-in to Medicare	6
Medicaid or other Government plan.....	7
Personal savings / my own money	8

[PROBE TWICE BEFORE ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING]

(VOL) Don't know	9
(VOL) Refused	10

49 [IF 64 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER]

How are you getting health insurance between now and when you will be eligible to receive Medicare?

Your former employer	1
Your spouse’s employer	2
Someone else’s employer.....	3
A private plan you buy yourself	4
Don’t have coverage	5
Buy-in to Medicare	6
Medicaid or other Government plan.....	7
Personal savings / my own money	8

[PROBE TWICE BEFORE ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING]

(VOL) Don't know	9
(VOL) Refused	10

[ASK OF ALL RETIRED RESPONDENTS]

50 Do you believe that the Medicare program will be able to provide you with health insurance throughout your retirement?

Yes	1
No.....	2
(VOL) DK	3
(VOL) REF	4

51	How confident are you that Medicare will continue to provide benefits of <u>equal value</u> to the benefits received by retirees today? [READ 5 - 1]	Extremely confident..... 5 Very confident 4 Somewhat confident..... 3 Not too confident 2 Not at all confident..... 1 (VOL) DK 6 (VOL) REF 7
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[IF WORKING:]

52	Once you become eligible for Medicare, do you think you will need additional health coverage beyond what is covered by Medicare?	Yes 1 No.....2 (VOL) DK 3 (VOL) REF 4
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[ASK OF ALL]

53 The Medicare system is facing financial pressures. If changes must be made to guarantee the solvency of the program: **[READ AND ROTATE A - C]**

[PROBE IF NECESSARY: Well, what if these were the only two options available, which one would you choose?

- a. Would you prefer **[ROTATE OPTIONS]**
 - Increasing the amount Medicare recipients pay for co-payments and deductibles..... 1
 - or-**
 - Increasing the eligibility age to 67.....2

- b. Would you prefer **[ROTATE OPTIONS]**
 - Increasing payroll taxes for current workers..... 1
 - or-**
 - Increasing the amount Medicare recipients pay for co-payments and deductibles.....2

- c. Would you prefer **[ROTATE OPTIONS]**
 - Increasing payroll taxes for current workers..... 1
 - or-**
 - Increasing the eligibility age to 67.....2

Now, I just have a few questions for statistical purposes.

D7 First, what was the highest grade of school or year of college that you completed? **[DO NOT READ CHOICES]**

- Some high school or less 1
- High school graduate 2
- Some college 3
- Trade or business school 4
- College graduate 5
- Post graduate work 6
- Graduate degree 7
- (VOL)** Don't know
- (VOL)** Refused 8

D8 In general, how would you rate your health? Would you say it is: **[READ 5 – 1]**

- Excellent 5
- Very good 4
- Good 3
- Fair 2
- Poor 1
- (VOL)** Don't know 6
- (VOL)** Refused 7

D9 How many times have you seen a doctor in the past year?
[THIS INCLUDES ALL TYPES OF DOCTORS]

- _____ Number of Times
- (VOL)** Don't Know 98
- (VOL)** Refused 99

D10a Do you consider yourself: African-American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian-American, White or of some other racial background?

- White 1
- African-American/Black 2
- Hispanic/Latino **[SKIP TO D11]** 3
- Asian 4
- Other (specify) _____ 5
- (VOL)** Don't know 6
- (VOL)** Refused 7

D10b Are you of Hispanic, Latin or Puerto Rican origin?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- (VOL)** Don't know 3
- (VOL)** Refused 4

D11 Finally, in 1997, was your total household income, before taxes, over or under \$40,000?

[IF UNDER \$40,000]

Was it over or under \$20,000?

[IF OVER \$20,000]

Was it over or under \$30,000?

[IF UNDER \$20,000]

Was it over or under \$10,000?

Less than \$10,000..... 1
 \$10,000 - \$19,999 2
 \$20,000 - \$29,999 3
 \$30,000 - \$39,999 4

[IF OVER \$40,000]

Was it over or under \$75,000?

[IF OVER \$75,000]

Was it over or under \$100,000?

[IF UNDER \$75,000]

Was it over or under \$50,000?

\$40,000 - \$49,999 5
 \$50,000 - \$74,999 6
 \$75,000 - \$99,999 7
 \$100,000 or more 8

(Vol.) Don't know..... 7
(VOL) Refused 8

D12 We are asking a few of our survey participants if they would be interested in talking with journalists who want to interview people about health care. Would you be willing to talk with the media, if selected?

Yes 1
 No..... 2
(VOL) Don't know/Refused 3

[IF YES]

Can I have your day time and evening phone numbers?

Day _____

Evening _____

[THANK AND TERMINATE INTERVIEW]