

**HOSPITAL UTILIZATION AND ACCESS TO CARE - HUQ**  
**Target Group: SPs Birth +**

HUQ.010 {First/Next} I have some general questions about {your/SP's} health.

Would you say {your/SP's} health in general is . . .

CAPI INSTRUCTION:

DISPLAY "FIRST" IF SP AGE IS >= 16 YEARS.

- excellent, ..... 1
- very good,..... 2
- good, ..... 3
- fair, or ..... 4
- poor? ..... 5
- REFUSED ..... 7
- DON'T KNOW ..... 9

**BOX 1**

**CHECK ITEM HUQ.015:**  
IF SP AGE >= 1, CONTINUE.  
OTHERWISE, GO TO HUQ.030.

HUQ.020 Compared with **12 months ago**, would you say {your/SP's} health is now . . .

- better, ..... 1
- worse, or ..... 2
- about the same?..... 3
- REFUSED ..... 7
- DON'T KNOW ..... 9

HUQ.030 Is there a place that {you/SP} **usually** {go/goes} when {you are/he/she is} sick or {you/s/he} need{s} advice about {your/his/her} health?

CAPI INSTRUCTION:

IF SP AGE < 12, DISPLAY "YOU" IN THE FOURTH DISPLAY AND DON'T DISPLAY THE "S" IN THE FIFTH DISPLAY.

- YES ..... 1
- THERE IS **NO** PLACE ..... 2 (HUQ.050)
- THERE IS **MORE THAN ONE** PLACE ..... 3
- REFUSED ..... 7 (HUQ.050)
- DON'T KNOW ..... 9 (HUQ.050)

HELP SCREEN:

Usual Place: Include walk-in clinic, doctor's office, clinic, health center, Health Maintenance Organization or HMO, hospital emergency room or outpatient clinic, or a military or VA health care facility.

HUQ.040 What kind of place {do you/does SP} go to most often: is it a clinic, doctor's office, emergency room, or some other place?

- CLINIC OR HEALTH CENTER..... 1
- DOCTOR'S OFFICE OR HMO ..... 2
- HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM..... 3
- HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT ... 4
- SOME OTHER PLACE..... 5
- REFUSED ..... 7
- DON'T KNOW ..... 9

HUQ.050 {During the **past 12 months**, how/How} many times {have you/has SP} seen a doctor or other health care professional about {your/his/her} health at a doctor's office, a clinic, hospital emergency room, at home or some other place? **Do not include** times {you were/s/he was} hospitalized overnight.

CAPI INSTRUCTION:  
 DISPLAY "12 MONTHS" ONLY IF SP'S AGE IS >= 1.

- NONE ..... 0
- 1 ..... 1 (HUQ.071)
- 2 TO 3 ..... 2 (HUQ.071)
- 4 TO 9 ..... 3 (HUQ.071)
- 10 TO 12 ..... 4 (HUQ.071)
- 13 OR MORE ..... 5 (HUQ.071)
- REFUSED ..... 7 (HUQ.071)
- DON'T KNOW ..... 9 (HUQ.071)

HELP SCREEN:

Include: Physician's, osteopaths, doctor's assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, lab technicians and technicians who administer shots (i.e., allergy shots), paramedics, medics and physical therapists who work with or in a doctor's office.

Do not include: Dentists, oral surgeons, chiropractors, chiropodists, podiatrists, naturopaths, Christian Science healers, opticians, optometrists and psychologists or social workers.

HUQ.060 About how long has it been since {you/SP} **last** saw or talked to a doctor or other health care professional about {your/his/her} health? **Include** doctors seen while {you were} {he/she was} a patient in a hospital. Has it been . . .

- 6 months or less, ..... 1
- more than 6 months, but not more than  
 1 year ago,..... 2
- more than 1 year, but not more than  
 3 years ago,..... 3
- more than 3 years, or..... 4
- never? ..... 5
- REFUSED ..... 7
- DON'T KNOW ..... 9

HUQ.071 {During the **past 12 months**, were you/{Was/was} SP} a patient in a hospital **overnight**? Do not include an overnight stay in the emergency room.

CAPI INSTRUCTION:

DISPLAY "12 MONTHS" ONLY IF SP'S AGE IS >= 1.

DISPLAY "WAS SP" WITH LEADING CAPS, IF SP'S AGE IS <1.

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2 (BOX 2)
- REFUSED ..... 7 (BOX 2)
- DON'T KNOW ..... 9 (BOX 2)

HELP SCREEN:

Overnight Stay in a Hospital: A person is admitted to a hospital and spends at least one night in the hospital. Note that a person can be "admitted" to a hospital without staying overnight. Do not count as "overnight" when a person is admitted and discharged on the same day. Do not include visits outpatient clinics or stays for non-medical reasons, such as staying with a family member.

Emergency Room: Do not include urgent care centers, which are not part of a hospital, or outpatient clinics.

HUQ.080 How many different times did {you/SP} stay in any hospital overnight or longer {during the **past 12 months**}? (Do not count total number of nights, just total number of hospital admissions for stays which lasted 1 or more nights.)

CAPI INSTRUCTION:

DISPLAY "12 MONTHS" ONLY IF SP'S AGE IS >= 1.

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SOFT EDIT: 1-6.

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- REFUSED ..... 77777
- DON'T KNOW ..... 99999

CAPI INSTRUCTION:

ELIMINATE CURRENT HELP.

**BOX 1A**  
**OMITTED**

**BOX 2**

**CHECK ITEM 085:**  
IF SP AGE >= 4, CONTINUE.  
OTHERWISE, GO TO END OF SECTION.

HUQ.090 During the **past 12 months**, that is since {DISPLAY CURRENT MONTH} of {DISPLAY LAST YEAR}, {have you/has SP} seen or talked to a mental health professional such as a psychologist, psychiatrist, psychiatric nurse or clinical social worker about {your/his/her} health?

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| YES .....        | 1 |
| NO .....         | 2 |
| REFUSED .....    | 7 |
| DON'T KNOW ..... | 9 |

**HELP SCREEN FOR HUQ.040:**

Clinic: Refers to a facility where medical care and advice are given by doctors, nurses, or other medical professionals, that is not located at a hospital. (Do not include hospital outpatient departments.) Include a clinic operated solely for employees of a company or industry, regardless of where the clinic is located.

Doctor's Office: In Hospital - An individual office in a hospital where patients are seen on an outpatient basis, or several doctors might occupy a suite of offices in a hospital where patients are treated as outpatients.

Doctor's Office: Not in Hospital - An individual office in the doctor's home or office building, or a suite of offices occupied by several doctors. Suites of doctors offices are not considered clinics.

Emergency Room: A medical department or emergency care facility at a hospital that is open 24 hours a day. No appointments are necessary, although a provider may arrange to meet a patient at an emergency room. Medical care may be administered by a physician, nurse, paramedic, physician extender, or other medical provider. Do not include urgent care centers, which are not part of a hospital, or outpatient clinics.

Health Center: Refers to a facility where medical care and advice are given by doctors, nurses, or other medical professionals that is not located at a hospital.

HMO Clinic: A medical facility sponsored by an HMO that typically includes a group of doctors on staff.

Hospital Outpatient Department: A unit of a hospital providing health and medical services to individuals who receive services from the hospital but do not require hospitalization overnight, such as outpatient surgery centers. Examples of outpatient departments include the following:

- Well-baby clinics/pediatric OPD;
- Obesity clinics;
- Eye, ear, nose, and throat clinics;
- Cardiology clinic;
- Internal medicine department;
- Family planning clinics;
- Alcohol and drug abuse clinics;
- Physical therapy clinics; and
- Radiation therapy clinics.

Hospital outpatient departments may also provide general primary care.

**HELP SCREEN FOR HUQ.060:**

Hospital: A health care organization that has a governing body, an organized medical staff and professional staff, and inpatient facilities. Hospitals provide medical, nursing, and related services for ill and injured patients 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Doctor: The term refers to both medical doctors (M.D.s) and osteopathic physicians (D.O.s). It includes general practitioners as well as specialists. It does not include persons who do not have an M.D. or D.O. degree, such as dentists, oral surgeons, chiropractors, podiatrists, Christian Science healers, opticians, optometrists, psychologists, etc.

Other Health (Care) Professional: A person entitled by training and experience and possibly licensure to assist a doctor and who works with one or more medical doctors. Examples include: doctor's assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, lab technicians, and technicians who administer shots (i.e., allergy shots). Also include paramedics, medics and physical therapists working with or in a doctor's office. Do not include: dentists, oral surgeons, chiropractors, chiropodists, podiatrists, naturopaths, Christian Science healers, opticians, optometrists, and psychologists or social workers.

**HELP SCREEN FOR HUQ.090:**

**Mental Health Professional:** A person trained to diagnose and treat emotional or mental health problems, including, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, and social workers.

**Psychologist:** A non-physician who specializes in the counseling and testing of persons with mental, addictive or emotional disorders.

**Psychiatrist:** A physician who specializes in dealing with the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental, addictive, and emotional disorders, such as psychoses, depression, anxiety disorders, substance abuse disorders, developmental disabilities, sexual dysfunctions and adjustment reactions.

**Other Health (Care) Professional:** A person entitled by training and experience and possibly licensure to assist a doctor and who works with one or more medical doctors. Examples include: doctor's assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, lab technicians, and technicians who administer shots (i.e., allergy shots). Also include paramedics, medics and physical therapists working with or in a doctor's office. Do not include: dentists, oral surgeons, chiropractors, chiropodists, podiatrists, naturopaths, Christian Science healers, opticians, optometrists, and psychologists or social workers.

**Social Worker:** A person who assists patients and their families in handling social, environmental and emotional problems associated with illness or injury. Can include social work specialists, such as a medical or psychiatric social worker.