

# 2024 Medicare Experience Survey

## MEDICARE SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

*This survey asks about you and the health care you received in the last six months. Answer each question thinking about yourself and the times you got health care in person, by phone or by video call. 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 [Survey Vendor].*

- If you changed your Medicare plan for 2024, answer the questions thinking about your experiences in the last 6 months of 2023.
- 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.
- You are sometimes told not to answer some questions in this survey. 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**]. See the example below:

### EXAMPLE

1. Do you wear a hearing aid now?

- Yes  
 No **→If No, Go to Question 3**

2. How long have you been wearing a hearing aid?

- Less than one year  
 1 to 3 years  
 More than 3 years  
 I don't wear a hearing aid

3. In the last 6 months, did you have any headaches?

- Yes  
 No

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1. Our records show that in 2023 your health services were covered by the plan named on the back page. Is that right?

- Yes →If Yes, Go to Question 3  
 No

2. Please write below the name of the health plan you had in 2023 and complete the rest of the survey based on the experiences you had with that plan.  
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### Your Health Care in the Last 6 Months

These questions ask about your own health care from a clinic, emergency room, or doctor's office. This includes care you got in person, by phone, or by video.

3. In the last 6 months, did you have an illness, injury, or condition that needed care right away?

- Yes  
 No →If No, Go to Question 5

4. In the last 6 months, when you needed care right away, how often did you get care as soon as you needed?

- Never  
 Sometimes  
 Usually  
 Always

5. In the last 6 months, did you make any in-person, phone, or video appointments for a check-up or routine care?

- Yes  
 No →If No, Go to Question 7

6. In the last 6 months, how often did you get an appointment for a check-up or routine care as soon as you needed?

- Never  
 Sometimes  
 Usually  
 Always

7. In the last 6 months, not counting the times you went to an emergency room, how many times did you get health care for yourself in person, by phone, or by video?

- None →If None, Go to Question 9  
 1 time  
 2  
 3  
 4  
 5 to 9  
 10 or more times

8. Wait time includes time spent in the waiting room and exam room. In the last 6 months, how often did you see the person you came to see within 15 minutes of your appointment time?

- Never  
 Sometimes  
 Usually  
 Always

9. Using any number from 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst health care possible and 10 is the best health care possible, what number would you use to rate all your health care in the last 6 months?

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

10. In the last 6 months, how often was it easy to get the care, tests, or treatment you needed?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

### Your Personal Doctor

11. A personal doctor is the one you would talk to if you need a check-up, want advice about a health problem, or get sick or hurt. Do you have a personal doctor?

- Yes
- No →If No, Go to Question 27

12. In the last 6 months, how many times did you have an in-person, phone, or video visit with your personal doctor about your health?

- None →If None, Go to Question 27
- 1 time
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 to 9
- 10 or more times

13. In the last 6 months, how often did your personal doctor explain things in a way that was easy to understand?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

14. In the last 6 months, how often did your personal doctor listen carefully to you?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

15. In the last 6 months, how often did your personal doctor show respect for what you had to say?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

16. In the last 6 months, how often did your personal doctor spend enough time with you?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

17. Using any number from 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst personal doctor possible and 10 is the best personal doctor possible, what number would you use to rate your personal doctor?

- 0 Worst personal doctor possible
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 Best personal doctor possible

18. In the last 6 months, when you talked with your personal doctor during a scheduled appointment, how often did he or she have your medical records or other information about your care?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

19. In the last 6 months, did your personal doctor order a blood test, x-ray or other test for you?

- Yes
- No → If No, Go to Question 22

20. In the last 6 months, when your personal doctor ordered a blood test, x-ray or other test for you, how often did someone from your personal doctor's office follow up to give you those results?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

21. In the last 6 months, when your personal doctor ordered a blood test, x-ray or other test for you, how often did you get those results as soon as you needed them?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

22. In the last 6 months, did you take any prescription medicine?

- Yes  
 No →If No, Go to Question 24

23. In the last 6 months, how often did you and your personal doctor talk about all the prescription medicines you were taking?

- Never  
 Sometimes  
 Usually  
 Always

24. In the last 6 months, did you get care from more than one kind of health care provider or use more than one kind of health care service?

- Yes  
 No →If No, Go to Question 27

25. In the last 6 months, did you need help from anyone in your personal doctor's office to manage your care among these different providers and services?

- Yes  
 No →If No, Go to Question 27

26. In the last 6 months, did you get the help you needed from your personal doctor's office to manage your care among these different providers and services?

- Yes, definitely  
 Yes, somewhat  
 No

### Getting Health Care From Specialists

When you answer the next questions, include the care you got in person, by phone, or by video.

27. Specialists are doctors like surgeons, heart doctors, allergy doctors, skin doctors, and other doctors who specialize in one area of health care. Is your personal doctor a specialist?

- Yes →If Yes, Please include your personal doctor as you answer these questions about specialists  
 No

28. In the last 6 months, did you make any appointments with a specialist?

- Yes  
 No → If No, Go to Question 33

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

- Never  
 Sometimes  
 Usually  
 Always

30. How many specialists have you talked to in the last 6 months?

- None →If None, Go to Question 33  
 1 specialist  
 2  
 3  
 4  
 5 or more specialists

31. We want to know your rating of the specialist you talked to most often in the last 6 months. Using any number from 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst specialist possible and 10 is the best specialist possible, what number would you use to rate that specialist?

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

32. In the last 6 months, how often did your personal doctor seem informed and up-to-date about the care you got from specialists?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always
- I do not have a personal doctor
- I have not talked with my personal doctor in the last 6 months
- My personal doctor is a specialist

### Your Health Plan

33. In the last 6 months, did you get information or help from your health plan's customer service?

- Yes
- No →If No, Go to Question 36

34. In the last 6 months, how often did your health plan's customer service give you the information or help you needed?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

35. In the last 6 months, how often did your health plan's customer service staff treat you with courtesy and respect?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

36. In the last 6 months, did your health plan give you any forms to fill out?

- Yes
- No →If No, Go to Question 38

37. In the last 6 months, how often were the forms from your health plan easy to fill out?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

38. 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 health plan?

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

39. A co-pay is the amount of money you pay at the time of a visit to a doctor's office or clinic. In the last 6 months, did your health plan offer to lower the amount of your co-pay because you have a health condition (like high blood pressure)?

- Yes
- No
- I am not sure
- I do not have a co-pay
- I do not have a health condition
- I was offered a lower co-pay for another reason

40. Your health plan benefits are the types of health care and services you can get under the plan. In the last 6 months, did your health plan offer you extra benefits because you have a health condition (like high blood pressure)?

- Yes
- No
- I am not sure
- I do not have a health condition
- I was offered extra benefits for another reason

**Your Prescription Drug Plan**

Now we would like to ask you some questions about the prescription drug coverage you get through your prescription drug plan.

41. In the last 6 months, did anyone from a doctor's office, pharmacy, or your prescription drug plan contact you:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
a. To make sure you filled or refilled a prescription?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. To make sure you were taking medicine as directed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**42.** In the last 6 months, how often was it easy to use your prescription drug plan to get the medicines your doctor prescribed?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always
- I did not use my prescription drug plan to get any medicines in the last 6 months

**43.** In the last 6 months, did you ever use your prescription drug plan to fill a prescription at your local pharmacy?

- Yes
- No →If No, Go to Question 45

**44.** In the last 6 months, how often was it easy to use your prescription drug plan to fill a prescription at your local pharmacy?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

**45.** In the last 6 months, did you ever use your prescription drug plan to fill a prescription by mail?

- Yes
- No →If No, Go to Question 47

**46.** In the last 6 months, how often was it easy to use your prescription drug plan to fill a prescription by mail?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Always

**47.** Using any number from 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst prescription drug plan possible and 10 is the best prescription drug plan possible, what number would you use to rate your prescription drug plan?

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



**About You**

48. In general, how would you rate your overall health?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

49. In general, how would you rate your overall mental or emotional health?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

50. What language do you mainly speak at home?

- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Korean
- Tagalog
- Vietnamese
- Some other language

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51. In the last 6 months, did you spend one or more nights in a hospital?

- Yes
- No

52. In the last 6 months, did you delay or not fill a prescription because you felt you could not afford it?

- Yes
- No
- My doctor did not prescribe any medicines for me in the last 6 months

53. In the last 6 months, did anyone from a clinic, emergency room, or doctor's office where you got care treat you in an unfair or insensitive way because of any of the following things about you?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
a. Health condition.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Disability.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Age.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Culture or religion ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Language or accent ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Race or ethnicity .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Sex (female or male)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sexual orientation ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Gender or gender identity .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Income.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

- |  | <u>Yes</u>               | <u>No</u>                |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. A heart attack?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Angina or coronary heart disease?                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Hypertension or high blood pressure?                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Cancer, <u>other than skin cancer</u> ?                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Emphysema, asthma, or COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Any kind of diabetes or high blood sugar?                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

55. Do you have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?

- Yes  
 No

56. Do you have difficulty dressing or bathing?

- Yes  
 No

57. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping?

- Yes  
 No

58. Have you had a flu shot since July 1, 2023?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

59. Have you ever had one or more pneumonia shots? Two shots are usually given in a person's lifetime and these are different from a flu shot. It is also called the pneumococcal vaccine.

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

60. Do you now smoke cigarettes or use tobacco every day, some days, or not at all?

- Every day  
 Some days  
 Not at all → **If Not at all, Go to Question 62**  
 Don't know → **If Don't know, Go to Question 62**

61. In the last 6 months, how often were you advised to quit smoking or using tobacco by a doctor or other health provider?

- Never  
 Sometimes  
 Usually  
 Always  
 I had no in-person, phone, or video visits in the last 6 months

62. What is the highest grade or level of school that you have completed?
- 8<sup>th</sup> 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
63. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?
- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
  - No, not Hispanic or Latino
64. What is your race? Please mark one or more.
- American Indian or Alaska Native
  - Asian
  - Black or African-American
  - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
  - White
65. How many people live in your household now, including yourself?
- 1 person
  - 2 to 3 people
  - 4 or more people
66. Do you ever use the internet at home?
- Yes
  - No
67. May the Medicare Program follow up with you to learn more about your health care, or to invite you to a group discussion or interview on topics related to health care?
- Yes
  - No
68. Did someone help you complete this survey?
- Yes
  - No → **Thank you. Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope.**
69. 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

Thank you.

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**You may also know your plan by one of the following:**