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Revitalizing the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey: Current Innovations and Future Plans

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Abstract

With almost 25 years of data on the health and well-being of the Medicare population, the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) is the most comprehensive survey available on the Medicare population. It is essential in capturing data that play a critical role in the monitoring and evaluation of key provisions of the Affordable Care Act and that are not otherwise collected through the normal operations of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Recently, the survey has undergone several enhancements to be consistent with the standards set for HHS sponsored population based health surveys. This includes new oversamples of Hispanic and Asian beneficiaries, new items on limited English proficiency and sexual and gender minority status, a new module on care coordination, and a refresh of modules on income and assets, utilization on preventive health services, health status and functioning, and chronic conditions to align them with other HHS population based surveys. The backend processes are also being streamlined to allow for a quicker release of the restricted-use files and a first-ever public-use file optimized for health disparities research. This presentation will describe these and other innovations as well as future plans to improve the survey.