



# **Appendix B:**

## **1996 and 2001 Utah Health Status Survey, Insurance Status: Comparison of Question Wording and Flow**



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### *In a Nutshell*

In 1996, whether or not a person was covered by health insurance was asked at the individual level. All other aspects of health insurance (e.g., source of coverage) was ascertained at the household level. If the respondent said that no household members had health insurance coverage, this information was not verified by further questions.

In 2001, the household screener question was virtually identical to that used in 1996. This was done to ensure that the “1996 method” results could be calculated for 2001, to control for the method difference. After the household screener was asked, the interviewer asked a set of follow-up questions designed to record all health insurance status options (source of coverage, no coverage, insured by a plan that covers only certain health conditions) in the household. This was done regardless of the answer to the household screener (yes or no), although the follow-up question wording was slightly different.

Once a “short list” of all the health insurance status options in the household was recorded, the interviewer went back over the list to record the household members to which each item on the list applied. Source of coverage and lack of coverage were treated identically, regardless of how the respondent answered the household screener question.

Item	1996	2001
Household screener question	Q80. The next few questions ask about health insurance. By health insurance I mean private and employer plans, prepaid plans such as HMOs, and government plans, such as Medicare. Are all, some, or none of the members of your household currently covered by health insurance?	COV1. The next few questions ask about health insurance. By health insurance I mean private and employer plans, prepaid plans such as HMOs, and government plans, such as Medicare. Are any of the members of your household currently covered by health insurance?
If “Yes”:	Q81a-x. Which members of your household ARE covered by any kind of health insurance, public or private? Is... [ask for every HH member].	[IDENTIFY HEALTH INS. STATUS OPTIONS IN HH]  COV2. Please tell me if anyone in your household has any of the following, healthcare coverage ... [go to COV2x1]
If “No”:	Q81b2. For how many months have you been uninsured?	[VERIFY HEALTH INSURANCE STATUS OPTIONS IN HH] COV3. There are some types of plans you many not have considered, are any of the members of your household currently covered by health insurance ... [go to COV2x1]
Ascertain all health insurance status options that are present in the HH:		COV2x1. ... that is provided through a current or former employer or union?

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		<u>COV2x2</u> . Is anyone in the household covered by ... A health insurance plan that you purchase directly from an insurance company and not through an employer or union?
		<u>COV2x3</u> . The health plan of someone who does not live in the household?
		<u>COV2x4</u> . Medicare?
		<u>COV2x5</u> . Medicaid?
		<u>COV2x6</u> . The Utah Children’s Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, is a program for children of working parents whose children are uninsured or who earn too much for Medicaid benefits. Does anyone have coverage through CHIP?
		<u>COV2x7</u> . Is anyone in the household covered by ... An other government plan, such as Indian Health Service, Military, Champis, Tri-care or the V.A?
		<u>COV2x8</u> . Does anyone have health insurance that covers ONLY certain specific medical conditions, such as for diabetes or breast cancer? (NOTE: This is NOT considered “health insurance coverage.”)
		<u>COV2x9</u> . Coverage through some other source that I have not already mentioned?
		<u>COV2x10</u> . Is there anyone in your household who has no health care coverage, that is, none of the types of plans I just mentioned?
		[CATI program makes a “short list” of all health insurance status options present in current HH]
		SLO 1. Are all persons in your household covered by... [ <i>a plan available through a current or former employer or union?</i> ] 1. Yes – all are covered by same plan 2. No – Only some are covered by this plan

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### Additional questions asked in 2001 to verify Medicaid coverage:

If anyone in the HH was reported to have had health insurance, two questions were asked to ascertain Medicaid status. Medicaid cards are 8 1/2 x 11" cardstock sheets that are issued monthly. These characteristics are believed to be unique to Medicaid.

CARDSIZE. When thinking about [fill person]'s insurance card, would you say it is credit-card-sized, or a larger piece of paper?

1. Credit Card Size
2. Larger piece of paper
3. BOTH (more than 1 type of insurance)
8. (DK)
9. (REFUSED)

CARDNEW. Do you [does fill person] receive a new I.D. card every month or is the I.D. card valid for longer?

1. Once a month
2. ID card valid for longer than once a month
3. BOTH (more than 1 type of insurance)
8. (DK)
9. (REFUSED)