The core of the MCBS is a series of interviews with a stratified random sample of the Medicare population, including aged and disabled enrollees, residing in the community or in institutions. Questions are asked about enrollees’ patterns of health care use, charges, insurance coverage, and payments over time. Respondents are asked about their sources of health care coverage and payment, their demographic characteristics, their health and work history, and their family living circumstances. In addition to collecting information through the core questionnaire, the MCBS collects information on special topics through supplements. For example, questions are asked about enrollees’ income and assets, access to health care, health and functional status and satisfaction with care. Special supplements also focus on emerging trends in health care.

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**Supplementary Information:**

On January 7, 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services issued a final rule establishing a permanent certification program for the purposes of testing and certifying health information technology ("Establishment of the Permanent Certification Program for Health Information Technology," 76 FR 1262) (Permanent Certification Program final rule). The permanent certification program was renamed the “ONC HIT Certification Program” in a final rule published on September 4, 2012 (77 FR 54163) (“2014 Edition EHR Certification Criteria final rule”). In the preamble of the Permanent Certification Program final rule, we stated that when the National Coordinator had approved test tools and test procedures for certification criteria adopted by the Secretary ONC would publish a notice of availability in the Federal Register and identify the approved test tools and test procedures on the ONC Web site. In the 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR Certification Criteria final rule the Secretary adopted additional and revised certification criteria as part of the 2014 Edition EHR certification criteria (79 FR 54430). The National Coordinator has approved test tools and test procedures for testing EHR technology for two 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR certification criteria under the ONC HIT Certification Program. These approved test tools and test procedures for the “optional—transitions of care” certification criterion (§ 170.314(b)(8)) and the revised “view, download, and transmit to 3rd party” certification criterion (§ 170.314(e)(1)) are identified on the ONC Web site at: [http://healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/testing-and-test-methods](http://healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/testing-and-test-methods). The test tools and test procedures for all the other 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR certification criteria were previously approved by the National Coordinator (80 FR 4577) and are available for review at the Web site listed above.

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