V000 BRANCHPOINT: IF THIS IS NOT A SELF-RESPONDENT (A009 NOT 1), GO TO END OF MODULES

IF R IS ASSIGNED TO MODULE {4 or 5} (X009={4 or 5}) and
R's AGE ≥ 65 (per A019), CONTINUE ON TO V000

OTHERWISE, GO TO V000 BRANCHPOINT FOR MODULE 6 (X009=6)

V000_ModuleIntro
Although we have finished the interview, we would like to ask you a few new questions. Some questions may be similar to questions we have already asked you, but the researchers are interested in how people respond when the questions are changed just a little.

1. R is willing
9. R refused at Module Intro    GO TO END OF MODULES
99. R refused after starting Module    GO TO END OF MODULES

V201_MedicareVsAlternative
Currently, Medicare only pays for nursing home care for brief stays, and it does not pay for extensive assistance for older people who require care in their homes. On the other hand, Medicare does pay for intensive care and expensive hospital procedures for people who are very sick or at the end of their lives. An alternative approach would be for Medicare to provide more generous coverage for nursing home and home health care, while cutting back on its coverage of surgery or other intensive hospital procedures, like when people are placed on breathing machines, tubes are inserted into their lungs and heart and intravenous drugs are continually administered.

Which would you prefer – the current Medicare coverage or the alternative coverage?

1. Current Medicare coverage
2. Alternative coverage    GO TO V203
8. DK    GO TO V204
9. RF    GO TO V204

V202_StronglyPreferMedicare
How strongly would you say that you prefer the current Medicare coverage – would you say very strongly or somewhat strongly?

1. Very strongly    GO TO V204
2. Somewhat strongly    GO TO V204
8. DK    GO TO V204
9. RF    GO TO V204

V203_StronglyPreferAlternative
How strongly would you say that you prefer the alternative coverage – would you say very strongly or somewhat strongly?

1. Very strongly
2. Somewhat strongly
8. DK
9. RF
V204_SingleVsChoicePlans
In thinking about your choice in the previous question, do you believe that Medicare should have a single plan that provides the same coverage to all eligible beneficiaries, or that Medicare should offer elderly individuals a choice among plans that might cover very different sets of services?

1. Single plan with same coverage
2. Choice of plans with different services
8. DK
9. RF

GO TO V206

V205_StronglyPreferSinglePlan
How strongly would you say that you prefer the single plan – would you say very strongly or somewhat strongly?

1. Very strongly
2. Somewhat strongly
8. DK
9. RF

GO TO V207

V206_StronglyPreferChoicePlans
How strongly would you say that you prefer the choice of plans – would you say very strongly or somewhat strongly?

1. Very strongly
2. Somewhat strongly
8. DK
9. RF

GO TO V207

V207_WhichPlanChoose
I am going to read descriptions of several different types of health care plans. Assuming that Medicare did offer multiple health care plans and that each was worth a comparable amount, please tell me which one of the following plans you would choose:

1. A plan that emphasizes coverage for intensive hospital care
2. A plan that covers some long-term care and some intensive hospital care
3. A plan that emphasizes coverage for nursing home and other forms of long-term care
4. A plan that offers restricted coverage for intensive care among seriously ill patients, but gives cash back to subscribers to spend as they wish – for example, on supplemental health care, home

[IWER: SELECT ONLY ONE]

1. Plan that emphasizes intensive hospital care
2. Plan that covers some long-term and some intensive hospital care
3. Plan that emphasizes long-term care
4. Plan with cash back option
8. DK
9. RF

END OF MODULE 5 — GO TO END OF MODULES