Question as it appears in the questionnaire.

16 **Is this person CURRENTLY covered by any of the following types of health insurance or health coverage plans?** *Mark "Yes" or "No" for EACH type of coverage in items a – h.*

	Yes	No
a. Insurance through a current or former employer or union (of this person or another family member)	☐	☐
b. Insurance purchased directly from an insurance company (by this person or another family member)	☐	☐
c. Medicare, for people 65 and older, or people with certain disabilities	☐	☐
d. Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or any kind of government-assistance plan for those with low incomes or a disability	☐	☐
e. TRICARE or other military health care	☐	☐
f. VA (including those who have ever used or enrolled for VA health care)	☐	☐
g. Indian Health Service	☐	☐
h. Any other type of health insurance or health coverage plan – *Specify*	☐	☐

Source: ACS-1(2009)KFI

MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS

This question was added to the American Community Survey (ACS) to enable the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies to more accurately distribute resources and better understand state and local health insurance needs.

Planning and implementing many federal health programs requires accurate state and local information on health insurance status. Obtaining data on the uninsured rate among Americans is of great importance to policy makers at federal, state, and local levels.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Social Services

One of the nation's important sources of insurance data, the Current Population Survey, has annual sample sizes that are too small for many states. Adding a health insurance question to the ACS offers an improved data source to smaller states and communities.

State and localities will use the statistically reliable county-level data on the uninsured to more efficiently target outreach and enrollment efforts to those who are eligible for Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, but are not enrolled, thereby facilitating increased insurance coverage.

Public Health

Measuring health insurance status helps agencies target public health grant resources to locations where need is great.

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