

TO: Rep. Mark Woodward, Rep. Doug Gage
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RE: Potential Survey Questions
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Below is a selection of questions that have been in the survey in the past and may already be in the BRFSS survey for 2016 (and therefore no need to duplicate). There are many other health care related questions in the BRFSS however for our purposes I highlighted some of the high level basic issues I thought legislators were likely to want to know the most given out limited scope.

- Have any kind of coverage?
- Are currently covered by any of the following types of health insurance or health coverage plans? (Multiple responses allowed)
- What is the primary sources of your health care coverage?
- In past 12 months, was there ANY time you did not have health insurance or coverage?
- About how long has it been since you last had health coverage?

Tracy Dolan from VDH suggested we only limit our suggestions to two questions/issues to keep the costs down. She also asked that instead of trying to write the questions, it would be better if we could just tell them what we are interested in knowing, that way they could determine how best to write the question.

The following is one suggestion for an additional question:

- In the past 12 months, have had a different type of primary health insurance or coverage from what you currently have now (including no insurance or coverage)?

This question might help us better understand churn, particularly between commercial and Medicaid. Let's chat about this and other questions.

Finally, one last thing to keep in mind is the BRFSS may only be for adults (18+) in that I believe there is a separate youth survey. As such these questions may only pertain to adults. I will have to double-check, but wanted you to be mindful of this possibility.