

SPG Focus Group Questions for the Uninsured
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Core Questions

Are you familiar with the term “health insurance” (health care coverage)? What does health insurance mean to you?

How important is it to have health insurance?

In your family where does health insurance fall in the list of things you want or need to have? That is how does it compare to other items, e.g. housing, car entertainment, food?

Would you cut back on any of these to be able to afford health insurance?

There are many reasons why some people do not have health insurance. How about for you – what are some of the reasons that you lack health insurance?

Have any of you ever had health insurance?

If yes, How long has it been since you were covered?

What, if anything, did you not like about your health insurance?

Why did your health insurance coverage stop?

If you have never had health insurance, have you looked into getting insurance?

If yes, what happened when you did?

Does your employer offer insurance?

If yes, are you eligible for it?

If yes, why have you not enrolled?

If no, why aren't you eligible?

What difficulty have you or others you know had in getting health insurance?

What other barriers besides cost prevent the purchase of health insurance?

What would you be able to pay for health insurance for yourself?

What would you be able to afford to pay for health insurance for your family?

What kinds of problems have you or others you know experienced in getting health care?

How do you get your medical needs met?

How do you get your family's medical needs met?

What do you think of State sponsored health care programs like Medicaid, Medicare, Healthy Kids or MI Child?

What do you think can be done so people can get the health care they need?

What do you think can be done so you and others can have health insurance?

What would you consider to be the essential services in a health insurance plan?

We have talked about problems and concerns with health care and health insurance. Is there anything we have not discussed about health care that you would like to talk about?