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/*  SPSS User Files are being provided for the convenience of analysts who    */
/*  may wish to use SPSS to analyze the MEPS data. However, users are         */
/*  cautioned that SPSS does not currently have the capability to produce     */
/*  appropriate standard errors for estimates from a survey with a complex    */
/*  sample design like the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS). The       */
/*  annual national probability sample of households selected for the MEPS    */
/*  is a subsample of those participating in the National Health Interview    */
/*  Survey (NHIS) for the previous calendar year. The NHIS, an ongoing        */
/*  general health survey of the civilian noninstitutionalized population,    */
/*  is conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for    */
/*  Disease Control and Prevention. The NHIS sample design, and thus that     */
/*  of the MEPS, uses complex sampling techniques including                   */
/*  stratification, clustering, and differential sampling rates for the       */
/*  oversampling of selected subgroups of the population. Because of this     */
/*  sampling structure, software that accounts for this complex sample        */
/*  design must be used. Without the use of appropriate software that         */
/*  accounts for the complex sample design of the MEPS in conjunction with    */
/*  the survey's sampling weights (reflecting the survey's sample             */
/*  selection probabilities and nonresponse and other adjustments), the       */
/*  estimated standard errors of survey point estimates will generally be     */
/*  underestimated, and, thus, the inferential conclusions in an analysis     */
/*  (descriptive or analytical) may be misleading. It is recommended that     */
/*  sample survey software be used to analyze the MEPS data. Software for     */
/*  analysis of complex survey data include, for example, SUDAAN (Research    */
/*  Triangle Institute), STATA (Stata Corporation), VPLX (U.S. Bureau of      */
/*  the Census), and WESVAR (Westat, Inc.). A more comprehensive summary      */
/*  of software for the analysis of data from surveys with complex sample     */
/*  designs can be accessed through the website for the American              */
/*  Statistical Association's Survey Research Methods Section. Users may       */
/*  also reference the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)       */
/*  web document "Computing Standard Errors for Medical Expenditure Panel     */
/*  Survey (MEPS) Estimates."                                                 */
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          3 '3 EROM'
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