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/* Stata User File for H102I Data
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/* This file contains information and a sample Stata program to create a permanent
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/* Stata dataset for users who want to use Stata in processing the MEPS data provided
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/* in this PUF release. Stata (StataCorp) has the capability to produce
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/* appropriate standard errors for estimates from a survey with a complex sample
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/* design such as the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS).
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/* The input file for creating a permanent Stata dataset is the ASCII data file
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/* (H102I.DAT) supplied in this PUF release, which in turn can be extracted from the
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/* .EXE file. After entering the Stata interactive environment access the Stata DO-File
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/* editor by clicking on the appropriate icon in the command line at the top of the
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/* screen. Copy and paste the following Stata commands into the editor and save as a
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/* DO file. A DO file is a Stata program which may then be executed using the DO command.
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/* For example, if the DO file is named H102I.DO and is located in the directory
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/* C:\MEPS\PROG, then the file may be executed by typing the following command into
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/* the Stata command line:
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                         do C:\MEPS\PROG\H102I.DO
/* The program below will output the Stata dataset H102I.DTA
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#delimit ;
cd C:\MEPS\DATA;
log using H102IF1.log, replace;
clear;
* INPUT ALL VARIABLES;
infix
        DUPERSID 1-8
  str
  str
        CONDIDX 9-20
        EVNTIDX 21-32
  str
        CLNKIDX 33-56
  str
  byte
        EVENTYPE 57-57
  byte
        PANEL 58-59
using H102IF1.dat;
*DEFINE VARIABLE LABELS;
label variable DUPERSID "PERSON ID (DUID + PID)";
label variable CONDIDX "CONDITION ID";
label variable EVNTIDX "EVENT ID";
label variable CLNKIDX "CLNK ID: CONDIDX + EVNTIDX";
label variable EVENTYPE "TYPE OF EVENT CONDITION IS LINKED TO";
label variable PANEL "PANEL NUMBER";
*DEFINE VALUE LABELS FOR REPORTS;
label define H102IF10001X
        1 "1 MVIS"
        2 "2 OPAT"
        3 "3 EROM"
        4 "4 STAZ"
        5 "5 DVIS"
        6 "6 OMED"
        7 "7 HVIS"
        8 "8 PMED" ;
label define H102IF10002X
        10 "10 PANEL 10"
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11 "11 PANEL 11" ;

* ASSOCIATE VARIABLES WITH VALUE LABEL DEFINITIONS; label value EVENTYPE H102IF10001X; label value PANEL H102IF10002X;

*DISPLAY A DESCRIPTION OF STATA FILE; describe;

*LIST FIRST 20 OBSERVATIONS IN THE FILE; list in 1/20;

save H102IF1, replace;

#delimit cr

* data file is stored in H102IF1.dta
* log file is stored in H102IF1.log

log close

1. This program has been tested on Stata Version 10 (for Windows).

- 2. This program will create a permanent Stata dataset. All additional analyses can be run using this dataset. In addition to the dataset, this program creates a log file named H102I.LOG and a data file named H102I.DTA. If these files (H102I.DTA and H102I.LOG) already exist in the working directory, they will be replaced when this program is executed.
- 3. If the program ends prematurely, the log file will remain open. Before running this program again, the user should enter the following Stata command: log close
- 4. The cd command assigns C:\MEPS\DATA as the working directory and location of the input ASCII and output .DTA and .LOG files and can be modified by the user as necessary.
- 5. Stata commands end with a carriage return by default. The command #delimit ; temporarily changes the command ending delimiter from a carriage return to a semicolon.
- 6. The infix command assumes that the input variables are numeric unless the variable name is prefaced by str. For example, DUPERSID is the a string (or character) variable.