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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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