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## MEPS HC-206I: Appendix to MEPS 2018 Event Files

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This public use release is one in a series of public use event files drawn from the 2018 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Household (HC) and Medical Provider Components (MPC). This release contains 2 data files each of which is provided as an ASCII file with SAS, SPSS, STATA, and R programming statements a SAS transport file, a SAS V9 file, a XLSX file, and a Stata file. File 1 is used for linking the MEPS 2018 condition file (HC-207) with the MEPS 2018 event files (HC-206A through HC-206H); File 2 is used for linking the MEPS 2018 prescribed medicines event file (HC-206A) with other 2018 event files. This release also includes one table provided as PDF file: Table 1, the "MEPS 2018 Condition-Event Frequency" table contains unweighted and weighted counts of records on the MEPS 2018 event files for each of the ICD-10 condition codes and each of the Clinical Classification Software Refined (CCSR) codes on the MEPS 2018 condition file.

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Starting in 2018, instead of the XPORT engine, the CPORT procedure is used to create MEPS Public Use Files (PUFS) in transport format (excluding the 2018 Point-in-Time file, HC-036, and HC-036BRR). These CPORT data files (.ssp) cannot be read directly into R or Stata at this time. The ASCII (.dat) data file format can be used instead, along with the corresponding instructions found in the 'Programming Statements' files. In addition, SAS users must use the CIMPORT procedure to restore the transport files (.ssp) into SAS data sets. For more details on loading MEPS PUFs into R, SAS, and Stata, please visit the [MEPS GitHub page](#).

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| Documentation                                 | File type   |
|---|---|
| Documentation                                 | <a href="#">PDF</a> (1.0 MB) / <a href="#">HTML</a> |
| Codebook File 1 (Condition Event - CLNK)      | <a href="#">PDF</a> (49 KB) / <a href="#">HTML*</a> |
| Codebook File 2 (Prescribed Medicines - RXLK) | <a href="#">PDF</a> (53 KB) / <a href="#">HTML*</a> |
| Table 1                                       | <a href="#">PDF</a> (1.8 MB) / <a href="#">HTML</a> |
| SAS Programming Statements File 1             | <a href="#">TXT</a> (24 KB)                         |
| SAS Programming Statements File 2             | <a href="#">TXT</a> (24 KB)                         |
| SPSS Programming Statements File 1            | <a href="#">TXT</a> (3.4 KB)                        |
| SPSS Programming Statements File 2            | <a href="#">TXT</a> (3.3 KB)                        |
| STATA Programming Statements File 1           | <a href="#">TXT</a> (5.5 KB)                        |
| STATA Programming Statements File 2           | <a href="#">TXT</a> (5.5 KB)                        |
| R Programming Statements 1                    | <a href="#">TXT</a> (4.9 KB)                        |
| R Programming Statements 2                    | <a href="#">TXT</a> (4.9 KB)                        |

| Data                              | File type**   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Data File 1, ASCII format         | <a href="#">ZIP</a> (2.4 MB) / <a href="#">EXE</a> (2.9 MB) |
| Data File 2, ASCII format         | <a href="#">ZIP</a> (419 KB) / <a href="#">EXE</a> (955 KB) |
| Data File 1, SAS transport format | <a href="#">ZIP</a> (2.9 MB) / <a href="#">EXE</a> (3.4 MB) |
| Data File 2, SAS transport format | <a href="#">ZIP</a> (481 KB) / <a href="#">EXE</a> (1.0 MB) |
| Data File 1, SAS V9 format        | <a href="#">ZIP</a> (2.8 MB)                                |
| Data File 2, SAS V9 format        | <a href="#">ZIP</a> (479 KB)                                |
| Data File 1, Stata format         | <a href="#">ZIP</a> (3.0 MB)                                |
| Data File 2, Stata format         | <a href="#">ZIP</a> (457 KB)                                |
| Data File 1, XLSX format          | <a href="#">ZIP</a> (6.7 MB)                                |
| Data File 2, XLSX format          | <a href="#">ZIP</a> (1.1 MB)                                |

### Questionnaires — see [Survey Questionnaires](#)

\*The PDF version of the codebook is recommended for printing; the HTML version is database driven and lets you navigate quickly to details on each variable.

\*\*Right-click on the data file link, then select Save Target As or Save Link As to download the file.

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