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MEPS HC-026B: 1998 Dental Visits File

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This public use data file is one in a series of event-level public use data files drawn from the 1998 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Household Component (HC). Released as an ASCII file with SAS, SPSS, and STATA programming statements and in SAS transport format, the Dental Visits File provides detailed information on dental events for a nationally representative sample of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States during the 1998 calendar year. This file consists of 1998 data obtained in the 1998 portion of round 3, and rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 2, as well as rounds 1, 2, and the 1998 portion of round 3 for Panel 3 of the survey (i.e., the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 1998), and contains variables pertaining to household-reported dental visits. The file includes the date of the dental event, type of provider seen, if the visit was due to an accident, reason for the dental event, and whether or not medicines were prescribed.

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The Dental Visits Public Use Data File consists of 2 event-level data files. File 1 contains characteristics associated with the dental event and imputed expenditure data. File 2 contains pre-imputed expenditure data.

For more information, see MEPS HC-030: 1998 MEPS HC Survey Data.

File 1 Readme **File 2 Readme**   **Update notes**

Documentation	File type
Documentation	PDF (209 KB) / HTML
Codebook File 1 (Imputed expenditures)	PDF (27 KB) / HTML*
Codebook File 2 (Pre-imputed expenditures)	PDF (12 KB) / HTML*
SAS Programming Statements File 1	TXT (26 KB)
SAS Programming Statements File 2	TXT (16 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements	TXT (16 KB)
STATA Programming Statements File 1	TXT (22 KB)
STATA Programming Statements File 2	TXT (8.0 KB)

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Data File 1, ASCII format	ZIP (462 KB) / EXE (492 KB)
Data File 2, ASCII format	ZIP (287 KB) / EXE (317 KB)
Data File 1, SAS transport format	ZIP (679 KB) / EXE (709 KB)
Data File 2, SAS transport format	ZIP (364 KB) / EXE (393 KB)

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*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.
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