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MEPS HC-144B: 2011 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 2011 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 2011 calendar year. This file consists of 2011 data obtained in the 2011 portion of round 3 and rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 15, as well as rounds 1, 2, and the 2011 portion of round 3 for Panel 16 of the survey (i.e., the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 2011), 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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| Documentation | PDF (300 KB) / HTML |
| Codebook | PDF (141 KB) / HTML * |
| SAS Programming Statements | TXT (73 KB) |
| SPSS Programming Statements | TXT (17 KB) |
| STATA Programming Statements | TXT (23 KB) |

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| Data File, ASCII format | ZIP (551 KB) / EXE (576 KB) |
| Data File, SAS transport format | ZIP (826 KB) / EXE (710 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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