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MEPS HC-152B: 2012 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 2012 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 2012 calendar year. This file consists of 2012 data obtained in the 2012 portion of round 3 and rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 16, as well as rounds 1, 2, and the 2012 portion of round 3 for Panel 17 of the survey (i.e., the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 2012), 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 (405 KB) / HTML
Codebook	PDF (85 KB) / HTML*
SAS Programming Statements	TXT (60 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements	TXT (17 KB)
STATA Programming Statements	TXT (23 KB)

Data	File type**
Data File, ASCII format	ZIP (583 KB) / EXE (581 KB)
Data File, SAS transport format	ZIP (897 KB) / EXE (755 KB)

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.

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