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MEPS HC-213H: 2019 Home Health 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 2019 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Household Component (HC). The Home Health File contains household-reported information on home health visits including the type of provider, type of services received, length of the visit, reason for the visit, expenditures, and sources of payment. Released as an ASCII file with SAS, SPSS, STATA, and R programming statements and in a SAS transport file, a SAS V9 file, a XLSX file, and a Stata file, this public use file provides information on home health care for a nationally representative sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States and can be used to make estimates of the utilizations and expenditures associated with home health care during the 2019 calendar year. This file consists of MEPS survey data obtained in the 2019 portion of Round 3, and Rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 23, as well as Rounds 1, 2, and the 2019 portion of round 3 for Panel 24 of the survey (i.e., the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 2019). Each home health record includes the following: the month the provider visited the household; type of provider; types of services provided and if this was a repeat event; whether or not care was received due to hospitalization; whether or not a person was taught how to use medical equipment; imputed sources of payment, total payment, and total charge for the home health event expenditure; and a full-year person-level weight. 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	PDF (376 KB) / HTML
Codebook	PDF (240 KB) / HTML*
SAS Programming Statements	TXT (39 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements	TXT (12 KB)
STATA Programming Statements	TXT (16 KB)
R Programming Statements	TXT (8.4 KB)

Data	File type**
Data File, ASCII format	ZIP (124 KB)
Data File, SAS transport format	ZIP (155 KB)
Data File, SAS V9 format	ZIP (185 KB)
Data File, Stata format	ZIP (136 KB)
Data File, XLSX format	ZIP (892 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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