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MEPS HC-010F: 1996 Outpatient Visits File

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This public use file is one in a series of public use event files drawn from the 1996 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Household (HC) and Medical Provider Components (MPC). Released as an ASCII data file with SAS, SPSS, and STATA programming statements and as a SAS transport file, the Outpatient Visits File provides detailed information on outpatient visits for a nationally representative sample of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States and can be used to make estimates of outpatient utilization and expenditures for calendar year 1996. Each record on the file represents one household-reported outpatient visit reported during Rounds 1, 2, and 3. Outpatient visits that were reported in Round 3 and were known to have begun after December 31, 1996, are not included on this file.

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The Outpatient Visits Public Use Data File consists of 2 event-level data files. File 1 contains characteristics associated with the outpatient visit and imputed expenditure data such as the date of the visit, whether or not a doctor was seen, type of care received, type of services provided, expenditures and sources of payment, and imputed sources of payment. File 2 contains unimputed expenditure data and is intended for analysts who want to perform their own imputations to handle missing data.

For more information, see MEPS HC-014: 1996 MEPS HC Survey Data.

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Documentation	File type
Documentation (File Codebook is included)	PDF (231 KB) / HTML
SAS Programming Statements	TXT (62 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements File 1	TXT (34 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements File 2	TXT (11 KB)
STATA Programming Statements File 1	TXT (42 KB)
STATA Programming Statements File 2	TXT (15 KB)

Data	File type**
Data File 1, ASCII format	ZIP (361 KB) / EXE (390 KB)
Data File 2, ASCII format	ZIP (146 KB) / EXE (176 KB)
Data File 1, SAS transport format	ZIP (440 KB) / EXE (469 KB)
Data File 2, SAS transport format	ZIP (179 KB) / EXE (209 KB)

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