



## Medical Expenditure Panel Survey

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### MEPS HC-016F: 1997 Outpatient Visits File

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This public use file is one in a series of event-level public use files drawn from the 1997 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Household Component (HC) and the Medical Provider Component (MPC). Released as an ASCII file with SAS, SPSS, and STATA programming statements and in SAS transport format, the Outpatient Visits File provides detailed information on outpatient visits. Data are gathered from a nationally representative sample of the

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civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States and can be used to make estimates of outpatient utilization and expenditures for calendar year 1997. Each record represents one, household-reported, outpatient visit reported during the 1997 portion of round 3, and rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 1, as well as rounds 1, 2 and the 1997 portion of round 3 for Panel 2 of the survey.

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 pre-imputed and 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-029: 1997 MEPS HC Survey Data.

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