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MEPS HC-026F: 1998 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 1998 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 civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States and can be used to make estimates of outpatient utilization and expenditures for calendar year 1998. Each record represents one, household-reported, outpatient visit reported during the 1998 portion of round 3, and rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 2, as well as rounds 1, 2 and the 1998 portion of round 3 for Panel 3 of the survey.

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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 pre-imputed expenditure data and is intended for analysts who want to perform their own imputations to handle missing data.

For more information, see MEPS HC-030: 1998 MEPS HC Survey Data.

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Documentation	File type
Documentation	PDF (201 KB) / HTML
Codebook File 1 (Imputed expenditures)	PDF (38 KB) / HTML *
Codebook File 2 (Pre-imputed expenditures)	PDF (16 KB) / HTML *
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SPSS Programming Statements	TXT (24 KB)
STATA Programming Statements File 1	TXT (29 KB)
STATA Programming Statements File 2	TXT (11 KB)

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Data File 1, SAS transport format	ZIP (430 KB) / EXE (460 KB)
Data File 2, SAS transport format	ZIP (177 KB) / EXE (206 KB)

Questionnaires — see [Survey Questionnaires](#)

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