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MEPS HC-077F: 2003 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 2003 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 2003. Each record represents one, household-reported, outpatient visit reported during the 2003 portion of round 3 and rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 7, as well as rounds 1, 2 and the 2003 portion of round 3 for Panel 8 of the survey (i.e., the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 2003).

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The Outpatient Visits Public Use Data File 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.

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Documentation	File type
Documentation	PDF (345 KB) / HTML
Codebook	PDF (207 KB) / HTML*
SAS Programming Statements	TXT (54 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements	TXT (21 KB)
STATA Programming Statements	TXT (27 KB)

Data	File type**
Data File, ASCII format	ZIP (657 KB) / EXE (726 KB)
Data File, SAS transport format	ZIP (866 KB) / EXE (934 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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