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## **MEPS HC-126F: 2009 Outpatient Visits File (Final)**

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This public use file is one in a series of event-level public use files drawn from the 2009 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)
Household Component (HC). 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.

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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 utilizations and expenditures for calendar year 2009. Each record represents one, household-reported, outpatient visit reported during the 2009 portion of round 3 and rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 13, as well as rounds 1, 2 and the 2009 portion of round 3 for Panel 14 of the survey (i.e., the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 2009). The Outpatient Visits Public Use Data File contains characteristics associated with the outpatient visit 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.

## **Update notes**

Documentation	File type
Documentation	PDF (325 KB) / HTML
Codebook	PDF (203 KB) / <u>HTML</u> *
SAS Programming Statements	<u>TXT</u> (55 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements	<u>TXT</u> (22 KB)
STATA Programming Statements	<u>TXT</u> (27 KB)

Data	File type**
Data File, ASCII format	ZIP (554 KB) / <u>EXE</u> (622 KB)
Data File, SAS transport format	ZIP (699 KB) / <u>EXE</u> (768 KB)

## **Questionnaires** — see **Survey Questionnaires**

<sup>\*</sup>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.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Right-click on the data file link, then select Save Target As or Save Link As to download the file.