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MEPS HC-188F: 2016 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 2016 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Household Component (HC). Released as an ASCII file with SAS, SPSS, and STATA program 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 utilizations and expenditures for calendar year 2016. Each record represents one household-reported outpatient visit reported during the 2016 portion of round 3 and rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 20, as well as rounds 1, 2 and the 2016 portion of round 3 for Panel 21 of the survey (i.e., the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 2016). 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.

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Documentation	File type
Documentation	PDF (337 KB) / HTML
Codebook	PDF (101 KB) / HTML*
SAS Programming Statements	TXT (47 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements	TXT (17 KB)
STATA Programming Statements	TXT (22 KB)

Data	File type**
Data File, ASCII format	ZIP (467 KB) / EXE (1.0 MB)
Data File, SAS transport format	ZIP (566 KB) / EXE (1.1 MB)

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