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MEPS HC-197F: 2017 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 2017 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)
Household Component (HC). Released as an ASCII file with SAS, SPSS, and STATA programming statements, a SAS transport file, a SAS V9 file, a XLSX file, and a Stata file, the Outpatient Visits File provides

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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 2017. Each record represents one household-reported outpatient visit reported during the 2017 portion of round 3 and rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 21, as well as rounds 1, 2 and the 2017 portion of round 3 for Panel 22 of the survey (i.e., the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 2017). 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	<u>PDF</u> (342 KB) / <u>HTML</u>
Codebook	<u>PDF</u> (97 KB) / <u>HTML</u> *
SAS Programming Statements	<u>TXT</u> (46 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements	<u>TXT</u> (16 KB)
STATA Programming Statements	<u>TXT</u> (20 KB)

Data	File type**
Data File, ASCII format	ZIP (543 KB) / <u>EXE</u> (1.1 MB)
Data File, SAS transport format	<u>ZIP</u> (1.2 MB) / <u>EXE</u> (1.1 MB)
Data File, SAS V9 format	<u>ZIP</u> (651 KB)
Data File, Stata format	<u>ZIP</u> (674 KB)
Data File, XLSX format	<u>ZIP</u> (2.2 MB)

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