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MEPS HC-239F: 2022 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 2022 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Household Component (HC). Released as an ASCII file with SAS, SPSS, STATA, and R programming statements, a SAS transport file, a SAS V9 file, a XLSX file, and a Stata file, 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 2022. Each record comprises data for one household-reported outpatient visit collected during Rounds 7-9 of Panel 24, Rounds 3-5 of Panel 26, and Rounds 1-3 of Panel 27, corresponding to the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 2022. The Outpatient Visits File contains data on several characteristics associated with each outpatient visit, including the date of the visit, whether or not a doctor was seen, types of care and services received, medicines prescribed during the visit, expenditures, and sources of payment. To append person-level information such as demographic or health insurance coverage to each event record, data from this file can be merged with the 2022 MEPS HC Full-Year Consolidated File using the person identifier, DUPERSID. For more details on loading MEPS PUFs into R, SAS, and Stata, please visit the MEPS GitHub page⧉.

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Documentation	File type
Documentation	PDF (408 KB) / HTML
Codebook	PDF (188 KB) / HTML*
SAS Programming Statements	TXT (43 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements	TXT (12 KB)
STATA Programming Statements	TXT (16 KB)
R Programming Statements	TXT (8.5 KB)

Data	File type**
Data File, ASCII format	ZIP (659 KB)
Data File, SAS transport format	ZIP (774 KB)
Data File, SAS V9 format	ZIP (876 KB)
Data File, Stata format	ZIP (767 KB)
Data File, XLSX format	ZIP (3.1 MB)

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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