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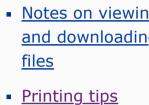
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MEPS HC-059A: 2001 Prescribed Medicines File

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This file is one in a series of public use event files from the 2001 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component (MEPS HC) and Medical Provider Component (MPC). Released as an ASCII data file and SAS transport file (with SAS, SPSS, and STATA programming statements) this public use file provides detailed information on



household-reported prescribed medicines for a nationally representative sample of the civ noninstitutionalized population of the United States and can be used to make estimates of prescribed medicine utilization and expenditures for calendar year 2001. Each record repr one household-reported prescribed medicine that was purchased or obtained during calend year 2001. These data were collected during the 2001 portion of Round 3 and Rounds 4 a for Panel 5, as well as Rounds 1, 2 and the 2001 portion of Round 3 for Panel 6 of the MER Each record on this event file represents a unique prescribed medicine event; that is, a prescribed medicine reported as being purchased or otherwise obtained by the household respondent, and includes the following: an identifier for each unique prescribed medicine; detailed characteristics associated with the event (e.g., national drug code (NDC), medicir name, etc.); conditions, if any, associated with the medicine; the date on which the perso used the medicine; total expenditure and sources of payments; types of pharmacies that the household's prescriptions; and a full-year person level weight.

For more information, see MEPS HC-072: 2001 and 2002 MEPS HC Survey Data.

A problem was discovered with the linking between the MEPS Prescribed Medicines file the Cerner Multum file that resulted in some incorrect therapeutic classes being assigned. Multum Lexicon Addendum files (HC-068) contain the corrected therapeutic classes. Analy should use caution when using the Cerner Multum therapeutic class variables for analysis should always check for accuracy, because the Multum classification has been changed by addition of new classes and subclasses, and by changes in the hierarchy of classes. See the documentation for the Multum Lexicon Addendum files for examples.

The Multum Lexicon Addendum files (HC-068) also contain an additional variable not in th 1996 through 2012 MEPS Prescribed Medicines files: the generic name of the drug most commonly used by prescribing physicians.

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Documentation	File type		
Documentation	<u>PDF</u> (367 кв) / <u>HTML</u>		
Codebook	<u>PDF</u> (49 кв) / <u>HTML</u> *		
SAS Programming Statements	<u>ТХТ</u> (22 КВ)		
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Questionnaires – see Survey Questionnaires

Data File, SAS transport format

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