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MEPS HC-168A: 2014 Prescribed Medicines File

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this public use file provides detailed information on household-reported prescribed medicines for a nationally representative sample of the civilian noninstitutionaliz population of the United States and can be used to make estimates of prescribed medicine utilization and expenditures for calendar year 2014. Each record represents one household reported prescribed medicine that was purchased during calendar year 2014. These data w collected during the 2014 portion of Round 3 and Rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 18, as well as Rounds 1, 2 and the 2014 portion of Round 3 for Panel 19 of the MEPS HC. Each record on 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 inclu the following: an identifier for each unique prescribed medicine; detailed characteristics associated with the event (e.g., national drug code (NDC), medicine name, etc.); selected Multum Lexicon variables; conditions, if any, associated with the medicine; the date on whi the person first used the medicine; total expenditure and sources of payments; types of pharmacies that filled the household's prescriptions; and a full-year person level weight.

Documentation	File type
Documentation	<u>PDF</u> (439 кв) / <u>HTML</u>
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