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## MEPS HC-188A: 2016 Prescribed Medicines File

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This file is one in a series of public use event files from the 2016 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, STATA, and SPSS user statements) this public use file provides detailed information on household-reported

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prescribed medicines for a nationally representative sample of the civilian noninstitutionalize population of the United States and can be used to make estimates of prescribed medicine utilization and expenditures for calendar year 2016. Each record represents one householdreported prescribed medicine that was purchased during calendar year 2016. These data we collected 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 MEPS HC. Each record on a 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 inclue 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; the date on which 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.

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Documentation	File type		
Documentation	<u>PDF</u> (481 кв) / <u>HTML</u>		
Codebook	<u>PDF</u> (117 кв) / <u>HTML</u> *		
SAS Programming Statements	<u>ТХТ</u> (59 КВ)		
SPSS Programming Statements	<u>ТХТ</u> (343 КВ)		
STATA Programming Statements	<u>ТХТ</u> (348 КВ)		

	Data	File type**	
	Data File, ASCII format	ZIP (8.0 MB) / EXE (8.5 MB)	
	Data File, SAS transport format	<u>ZIP</u> (9.1 MB) / <u>EXE</u> (9.6 MB)	

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