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MEPS NHC-004: Person Characteristics, Full-Year Health Insurance Coverage

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Nursing Home Component data files are not available for public use, but researchers with approved projects can access the files at the AHRQ Data Center.

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This person-level file contains data obtained in Rounds 1, 2, and 3, for a sample of 5,899 persons; one record per person. The variables pertain to health insurance coverage including date of first Medicaid coverage, place of first Medicaid coverage, and Medicaid coverage at admission. The remaining health insurance coverage items are measured as of January 1, 1996 for persons sampled as a January 1 resident, and at the time of admission for persons sampled as an admission. These include Medicare Part A coverage, Medicare Part B coverage, private health insurance coverage (including Medigap), private long-term care coverage, CHAMPUS/CHAMPVA coverage, other VA coverage, and other public assistance health insurance coverage. The data provided on this file corresponds with the insurance questions from the Facility Background and Insurance Questionnaire (IN questions), and the insurance section of the Community Questionnaire (the IN questions). Variables that measure sources of payment for nursing home care are not provided on this file (but are provided on the Expenditure file).

The following statistic was derived from these data:

Medicaid enrollees represented 53 percent of all 1996 nursing home residents. Data are included on persons sampled as January 1, 1996 residents and those sampled as a 1996 admission to the sampled nursing home. Together these samples represent all persons who used a nursing home any time during 1996.

Documentation	File type
Codebook	PDF (21 KB) / HTML

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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