

MEPS NHC-007: Nursing Home Expenditures and Sources of Payment Data: Person-Level File

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This person-level file contains data obtained in Rounds 2 and 3 (covering the full year, for periods that persons were resident in a nursing home), for a sample of 5,899 persons; one record per person. The data items have been constructed from the edited and imputed data on the Expenditure Bill-Level File (which correspond with questions from the Expenditure Questionnaire, (the EX questions)).

The following statistics were derived from these data:

Total expenses for services in nursing homes amounted to \$69.9 billion.

The mean annual expense per person was \$22,561.

The mean expense per day was \$118.

Medicaid paid 44% and Medicare paid 19% of the total expenses. 30% of total expenses were paid out-of-pocket, while private insurance paid 4% and other sources of payment paid the remaining 3%. 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 (16 KB) / HTML

Questionnaires — see [Survey Questionnaires](#)

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