MEPS – HC
Health Insurance Data

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Health Insurance Public Use Files, 2015 - 2016

- **February 2017**
  2015 Full Year Population Characteristics File

- **August 2017**
  2015 Full Year Consolidated Data File

- **August 2017**
  2015 Person Round Plan Public Use File

- **April 2017**
  2016 P20R3/P21R1, Point-in-Time Population Characteristics File

2016 Point-in-Time Public Health Insurance Variables

- **TRINW16X   COV BY TRICARE AT INTERVIEW – EDITED**

- **MCARE16X   COV BY MEDICARE – EDITED**

- **MCAID16X   COV BY MEDICAID – EDITED**

- **OTPUBA16   COV BY/PAYS OTH GOV MCAID HMO**

- **OTPUBB16   COV BY OTH PUBLIC NOT MCAID HMO**

- **STPRG16   COV BY STATE SPECIFIC PROGRAM**

- **PUB16X   COV BY PUBLIC INS - EDITED**

2016 Point-in-Time Private Health Insurance Variables

- **PRIEU16   COV BY PRIV EMPL/UNION PLAN**
- **PRIDK16   COV BY PRIV DK PLAN**
- **PRING16   COV BY NONGROUP PLAN**
- **PRIOG16   COV BY OTH GROUP PLAN**
- **PRIS16   COV BY SELF-EMP-1 INS**
- **PRIOUT16   COV BY HOLDER OUTSIDE RU**
- **PRIV16   COV BY PRIVATE INS**
- **INSRD16X   INSURED - EDITED**

- **HPRIEU16   HOLDER OF PRIV EMPL/UNION PLAN**
- **HPRIDK16   HOLDER OF PRIV DK PLAN**
- **HPRING16   HOLDER OF NONGROUP PLAN**
- **HPRIOG16   HOLDER OF OTH GROUP PLAN**
- **HPRIS16   HOLDER OF SELF-EMP-1 INS**
- **HPRIV16   HOLDER OF PRIV INS PLAN**

Month by month indicators

- **TRIJA15X-TRIDE15X -** TRICARE
- **MCRJA15X-MCRDE15X -** Medicare
- **MCDJA15X-MCDDE15X -** Medicaid/SCHIP
- **OPAJA15-OPADE15 -** managed care, other public insurance
- **OPBJA15-OPBDE15 -** not managed care, other public insurance
- **STAJA15-STADE15 -** state-specific program participation
- **PUBJA15X-PUBDE15X -** indicates public insurance in month

2015 Full Year Consolidated Data File Private Insurance

Month by month indicators

- **PEGJA15-PEGDE15 - employer/union group insurance**
- **PNGJA15-PNGDE15 - non-group private insurance**
- **POGJA15-POGDE15 - other group private insurance**
- **PDKJA15-PDKDE15 - don't know source of insurance**
- **POUJA15-POUDE15 - policy holder is outside the household**
- **PRSJA15-PRSDE15 - self-employed with firm size of 1**
- **PRIJA15-PRIDE15 - indicates private insurance in month**
- **Policy Holders (repeat of Private) "H"**

Month by month indicators

- **PUBJA15X-PUBDE15X - indicates public insurance in month**

- **PRIJA15-PRIDE15 - indicates private insurance in month**

- **INSJA15X-INSDE15X - indicates any insurance in month**

Public insurance

- **Medicare Managed Care Plan**

- **Medicaid or SCHIP HMO**

- **Medicaid/SCHIP Gatekeeper Plans**

Private insurance

- **Private HMOs**
- **Private HMO Plans that Pay for Visits to Non-Plan Doctors**
- **Private Gatekeeper Plans**
- **Private Gatekeeper Plans that Pay for Visits to Non-Plan Doctors**
- **Private Plan that has a Book or List of Doctors**
- **Private Plan that has a Book or List of Doctors that Pays for Non-Plan Visits**

2015 Full Year Consolidated Data File Medicare Part D

- **MCRPD31X**
  - ► **Medicare prescription drug benefit (Part D), Rounds 3 and 1**

- **MCRPD42X**
  - ► **Medicare prescription drug benefit (Part D), Rounds 4 and 2**

- **MCRPD15X**
  - ► **Medicare prescription drug benefit (Part D), end of year**

2015 Person Round Plan Public Use File (PRPL)

- **Reflects complex and dynamic relationships between people and their private insurance.**

- **Contains records for persons with**
  - ▶ **Hospital/physician coverage**
  - ▶ **Medigap**
  - ▶ **Dental, vision, or prescription medication coverage**

- **Contains variables pertaining to managed care.**

- **Out-of-pocket premiums (starting in 2001).**

Questions added to the MEPS instrument related to the ACA

- Coverage through state exchange
- Ascertain if Medicaid is purchased through state exchange program
- Coverage through Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) program
- Record monthly premium for coverage
- Ascertain if the cost of the premium is subsidized
- Collect metal plan name for exchange insurance