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# **MEPS – HC Health Insurance Data**

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# Health Insurance Public Use Files, 2016 - 2017

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- **February 2018**  
**2016 Full Year Population Characteristics File**
- **August 2018**  
**2016 Full Year Consolidated Data File**
- **August 2018**  
**2016 Person Round Plan Public Use File**
- **April 2018**  
**2017 P21R3/P22R1, Point-in-Time Population Characteristics File**



# 2017 Point-in-Time Public Health Insurance Variables

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- **TRINW17X**    **COV BY TRICARE – EDITED**
- **MCARE17X**    **COV BY MEDICARE – EDITED**
- **MCAID17X**    **COV BY MEDICAID – EDITED**
- **OTPUBA17**    **COV BY/PAYS OTH GOV MCAID HMO**
- **OTPUBB17**    **COV BY OTH PUBLIC NOT MCAID  
HMO**
- **STPRG17**    **COV BY STATE SPECIFIC PROGRAM**
- **PUB17X**    **COV BY PUBLIC INS - EDITED**



## 2017 Point-in-Time Private Health Insurance Variables

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- **PRIEU17**      **COV BY PRIV EMPL/UNION PLAN**
- **PRIDK17**      **COV BY PRIV DK PLAN**
- **PRING17**      **COV BY NONGROUP PLAN**
- **PRIOG17**      **COV BY OTH GROUP PLAN**
- **PRIS17**        **COV BY SELF-EMP-1 INS**
- **PRIOUT17**    **COV BY HOLDER OUTSIDE RU**
- **PRIV17**        **COV BY PRIVATE INS**
- **INSRD17X**    **INSURED - EDITED**



## 2017 Point-in-Time Policy Holder Insurance Variables

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- **HPRIEU17**      **HOLDER OF PRIV  
EMPL/UNION PLAN**
- **HPRIDK17**      **HOLDER OF PRIV DK PLAN**
- **HPRING17**      **HOLDER OF NONGROUP  
PLAN**
- **HPRIOG17**      **HOLDER OF OTH GROUP  
PLAN**
- **HPRIS17**      **HOLDER OF SELF-EMP-1 INS**
- **HPRIV17**      **HOLDER OF PRIV INS PLAN**



# 2016 Full Year Consolidated Data File Public Insurance

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## Month by month indicators

- **TRIA16X-TRIDE16X -** **TRICARE**
- **MCRJA16X-MCRDE16X -** **Medicare**
- **MCDJA16X-MCDDE16X -** **Medicaid/SCHIP**
- **OPAJA16-OPADE16 -** **Managed care, other public insurance**
- **OPBJA16-OPBDE16 -** **Not managed care, other public insurance**
- **STAJA16-STADE16 -** **State-specific program participation**
- **PUBJA16X-PUBDE16X -** **Indicates public insurance in month**



# 2016 Full Year Consolidated Data File

## Private Insurance

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### Month by Month indicators

- **PEGJA16-PEGDE16** - employer/union group insurance
- **PNGJA16-PNGDE16** - non-group private insurance
- **POGJA16-POGDE16** - other group private insurance
- **PDKJA16-PDKDE16** - don't know source of insurance
- **POUJA16-POUDE16** - policy holder is outside the household
- **PRSJA16-PRSDE16** - self-employed with firm size of 1
- **PRIJA16-PRIDE16** - indicates private insurance in the month
- **Policy Holders (repeat of Private) "H"**



# 2016 Full Year Consolidated Data File Summary Variables

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## Month by month indicators

- **PUBJA16X-PUBDE16X** - indicates public insurance in month
- **PRIJA16-PRIDE16** - indicates private insurance in month
- **INSJA16X-INSDE16X** - indicates any insurance in month





# 2016 Full Year Consolidated Data File Managed Care

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## **Public insurance**

- **Medicare Managed Care Plan**
- **Medicaid or SCHIP HMO**
- **Medicaid/SCHIP Gatekeeper Plans**



# 2016 Full Year Consolidated Data File Managed Care

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## 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



# 2016 Full Year Consolidated Data File Medicare Part D

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- **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



## 2016 Person Round Plan Public Use File (PRPL)

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- **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

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- 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