

## Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Data Users' Workshop Quiz

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(Answers are in **Bold**)

### **Day 1**

1. Overview: MEPS-MPC is a survey of medical providers linked to respondents to the MEPS-IC. (**False**)  
  
(ANSWER: MEPS-MPC is a survey of medical providers linked to respondents to the MEPS-HC, not MEPS-IC.)
2. Design: MEPS sample is based on what type of design.
  - a. Simple Random Sample Design
  - b. Complex Area Sample Design**
  - c. Telephone Sample Design
3. Medical Conditions: Starting in 2018, the conditions on the MEPS Medical Conditions files come entirely from which source?
  - a. Disability Days
  - b. Medical Events**
  - c. Condition Enumeration
  - d. Priority Conditions
4. Prescription Medicines: In MEPS Prescribes Medicine files, there is information on total charge and rebates for prescribed medicine acquisitions. (**False**)  
  
(ANSWER: MEPS Prescribed Medicines files contain detailed information about payment by various sources and total payment for prescribed medicine acquisitions, but do not contain any information regarding total charge or any rebate from manufacturer or any other source.)
5. Health Insurance: MEPS collects insurance status information as of interview dates only. (**False**)  
  
(ANSWER: MEPS collects insurance status information for each month of full two calendar years.)

6. Jobs: The Jobs File has information on all jobs a person may have, while the Full-year Consolidated Data File only has information on the person's current main job. **(True)**
7. Income: Income data is collected:
  - a. Every round
  - b. Once each year of the panel, in rounds 3 and 5**
  - c. Only once for each panel in round 5
8. Utilization and Expenditures: How many sources of payment are now included in the MEPS public use files?
  - a. 4
  - b. 12
  - c. 10**
  - d. 8

## Day 2

1. Estimation/Analysis: Unweighted estimates from MEPS are:
  - a. Unbiased
  - b. Biased**
2. Longitudinal Analysis/Pooling: The annual full-year consolidated files are the preferred MEPS data source for examining individual person-level changes over time. **(False)**  
(ANSWER: Individual person-level changes over time are best investigated using the Longitudinal/Panel files.)
3. Data Tools: With the MEPS-HC Data Tools, users can:
  - a. Explore variables across years of the MEPS public use files
  - b. View frequently used summary statistics for the U.S. civilian non-institutionalized population
  - c. Preview variables in the MEPS restricted data files
  - d. A and B**