Health Inclusive Poverty Measure (HIPM) Extract Readme and Data Dictionary

Introduction

This readme document summarizes how to use data from the Health Insurance Poverty Measure (HIPM) research extract. The variables included in the extract allows users to link HIPM variables to the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC) data files for further research.

The extract was created using the household identifiers, poverty information, and health insurance coverage status from the 2024 CPS ASEC public use file. Values for the individual health needs come from the 2023 Health Insurance Exchange Public Use Files, the 2023 Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Coverage Landscape files, and the annual Medicare Trustees report, all produced or located at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Replicating Estimates

The extract contains:

- Unit identifiers
- Type of health insurance for unit
- Aggregated HIPM resource and threshold information
- Disaggregated information on health needs and resources
- Information on premium and non-premium MOOP caps
- Information on subsidy imputation
- Information on expansion states

The extract can be merged with the CPS ASEC Person file for further research on demographic groups and comparisons to the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) and the official poverty measure. Users should use the variables H_SEQ and PPPOS for that linkage. To replicate Appendix Table 6, multiply the SPM portion (SPM_PovThreshold) of the combined threshold by the desired share of poverty and add the health component (hipm_need).

Table 1. Weighted and Unweighted Poverty Counts Using HIPM

Reference Year	Current Version Number	Unweighted	Weighted (in thousands)
2023	20 Sep 2024	20,804	49,306

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Data Sources

CPS ASEC Data: Annual Social and Economic Supplements (census.gov)

National Marketplace Data: Health Insurance Exchange Public Use Files (Exchange PUFs) | CMS

State Marketplace Data: Health Insurance State-based Exchange Public Use Files | CMS

Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Coverage: Prescription Drug Coverage - General Information | CMS

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Data Dictionary

Variable: h_seq

Description: household number

Values: unique identifier Universe: All people

Variable: pppos

Description: person identifier

Values: 41:56 Universe: All People

Variable: spm_id

Description: SPM unit identifier

Values: unique identifier Universe: All People

Variable: hipm_id

Description: Health insurance unit identifier

Values: unique identifier Universe: All People

Variable: hitype

Description: HIPM insurance type identifier

Values:

- -1 infant under age 1
- 1 Dual Medicaid/Medicare Eligible
- 2 Medicare under 65 years old
- 3 Medicare 65 years and older
- 4 Full year Medicaid
- 5 Part year Medicaid
- 6 Employer Sponsored Insurance (ESI)
- 7 Direct Purchase
- 8 Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veteran's Affairs (CHAMPVA)
- 9 Children's Health Insurance Program
- 10 Indian Health Service Coverage alone
- 11 Employer Sponsored Insurance Outside the Household
- 12 Direct Purchase Insurance outside the household
- 13 Other Insurance outside the household
- 14 Uninsured
- 15 Medicare policyholder with dependent with Employer Sponsored Insurance

Variable: expansion

Description: HIPM Poverty status

Values:

0- Not in expansion state on January 1, 2023

1- In expansion state on January 1, 2023

Variable: subsidy

Description: indicator for individuals who are imputed a subsidy based on parameters for advanced

premium tax credits (APTC).

Values:

0- Subsidy not imputed1- Subsidy imputed

Variable: hipm_poor

Description: HIPM Poverty status

Values:

0- Not in HIPM poverty1- In HIPM Poverty

Variable: ind_need

Description: individual health need based on health insurance type, age, and location (for second lowest

cost silver plan) Values: unique values

Variable: unit need

Description: health insurance unit health need (ind_need aggregated at hipm_id level)

Values: unique values

Variable: hipm_need

Description: SPM unit health need (ind_need aggregated for all hipm_id in each spm_id)

Values: unique values

Variable: aptc

Description: estimated value of Marketplace subsidy

Values: unique values

Variable: prem cap

Description: capped premium spending based on health insurance type

Values: unique values

Variable: py_res

Description: part year resources for those with part-year Medicaid

Values: unique values

Variable: hi_resources

Description: individual health benefits

Values: unique values

Variable: moop cap

Description: unit level capped non-premium out of pocket spending

Values: unique values

Variable: unit_benefits

Description: health insurance unit health benefits

Values: unique values

Variable: hipm_benefits

Description: SPM unit health benefits

Values: unique values

Variable: hipm_resources

Description: SPM resources combined hipm_benefits

Values: unique values

Variable: hipm_threshold

Description: SPM threshold combined with hipm_need

Values: unique values

Variable: marsupwt

Description: ASEC Supplement Final Weight

Values: 2 implied decimals

Universe: All People

Variable: filedate

Description: Date file is released for versioning

Values: unique values