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Due to the size of some data files, some files are in "zip" folders or files which compressed the data file to save space and facilitate downloading. The extension ".zip" in the file name indicates it is a zip file. Once the zip file is downloaded, the user needs to extract the original file from the zip file to use the original uncompressed data file in statistical software packages.

Two types of data files are available: (1) SAS data files, and (2) ASCII or text data files. In addition to using SAS software with the SAS data files, many other software packages have the capacity to read and use SAS data files; if a user is using a software other than SAS, it is recommended that the user consult the documentation of the software package being used for information on how to read in SAS data files directly.

There are also input statements for SAS, SPSS, and STATA to read the text data files to create system data files within the respective software packages. To use one of the input-statement files, open the file with Wordpad or similar text-file reader. Each input-statement file indicates places where the user's directory location of downloaded files, and that for the system file to be created, need to be inserted. For example, each input statement file indicates the place to insert the directory location of the text data file the user downloaded. Once the input-statement file has been modified with the user's directory locations, save it and then run it in the relevant software package to create the relevant system data file from the text file. It is recommended that a user consult the documentation of the software package being used as needed for additional information on the specific process or commands to run the input-statement file.

Patient file from 2007 National Home and Hospice Care Survey (NHHCS) has been revised.

The revised 2007 National Home and Hospice Care Survey (NHHCS) patient file public use data set is now available for downloading from our website. The 2007 NHHCS documentation; data dictionary; and input statements for SAS, SPSS, and STATA can be found on the NHHCS web page.

There was a problem in previous programming with the assignment of ICD-9 diagnosis codes. This problem has been corrected in the revised patient file. The revised 2007 NHHCS patient file includes new data in all data fields for patient diagnoses.

We advise anyone who has used the earlier NHHCS patient file data set (released in May 2009) to re-run all analyses using the revised data set before reporting or publishing any 2007 NHHCS data.

Medication file from 2007 National Home and Hospice Care Survey (NHHCS) has been revised.

The revised 2007 National Home and Hospice Care Survey (NHHCS) medication public use file is available for downloading from our website. There was a problem in the creation of the linking variable (PATNUM) in the medication file, resulting in unreliable linking between the medication file and the patient/discharge file. This problem has been corrected in the revised medication file. We advise anyone who linked the earlier 2007 NHHCS medication file (released in December 2009) with the patient/discharge file to re-run all analyses using the revised medication file before reporting or publishing any 2007 NHHCS data. If you ran any analyses using the medication file separately (i.e., not linking it to the patient/discharge file), then you do not need to re-run your analyses.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Long-term Care Statistics Branch at (301) 458-4747.

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