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§ 1. Document Description

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Study Scope

Subject Information		
Topic Classification:	Technical Variables PERSON	
	Poverty Variables PERSON	
	Delayed/Unmet Need Variables PERSON	
	General Coverage Variables PERSON	
	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON	
	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON	
Summary Data Description		
Time Period:	2019	
Country:	United States	
Notes	Notes	
Note:	Additional notes on a sample that is part of this study: 2019 MEPS	

Data Access - Use Statement

Confidentiality Declaration

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Please see http://www.meps.ipums.org/meps/citation.shtml for precise formatting of the citation.

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- (7) This system provides individual-level data only. The MEPS Data Extraction System will not produce tables. You will need to use a statistical software package, such as Stata, SAS, or SPSS, to analyze the downloaded data. Alternatively, you may use the MEPS-SDA tabulator to produce tables online, without making a data extract.

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Study Notes

Notes	
Note:	User-provided description: Project draft extract v2.
	This extract is a revision of the user's previous extract, ID 3990108.

§ 3. File Description

File

File Name:	meps_00010.dat
Contents of Files:	Microdata records
Type:	rectangular
File Type:	ISO-8859-1 data file
Data Format:	fixed length fields
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§ 4. Variable Description

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- 1. YEAR (Survey year)
- 2. PERNUM (Person number within family/household (from reformatting))
- 3. **DUID** (Dwelling unit ID)
- 4. PID (Person number)
- 5. MEPSID (MEPS unique identifier (IPUMS generated))
- 6. PANEL (Panel)
- 7. PSUANN (Annual primary sampling unit (PSU) for variance estimation)
- 8. <u>STRATANN</u> (Annual stratum for variance estimation)
- 9. PANELYR (Year entered MEPS)
- 10. RELYR (Relative year 1 or 2 in panel)
- 11. PERWEIGHT (Final basic annual weight)
- 12. **SAQWEIGHT** (Self-Administered Questionnaire weight)
- 13. **DIABWEIGHT** (Diabetes care weight)
- 14. POVLEV (Family income as a percentage of the poverty line, continuous)
- 15. DELAYCOST (Medical care delayed due to cost, past 12 months)
- 16. <u>HIPRIVATE</u> (Has any private health insurance)
- 17. COVERTYPE (Health insurance coverage type (hierarchy))
- 18. MAMMX (Monthly Medicaid/SCHIP health insurance coverage (edited))
- 19. MAJAX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in January (edited))
- 20. MAFEX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in February (edited))
- 21. MAMAX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in March (edited))
- 22. MAAPX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in April (edited))
- 23. MAMYX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in May (edited))
- 24. MAJUX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in June (edited))
- 25. MAJLX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in July (edited))
- 26. MAAUX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in August (edited))
- 27. MASEX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in September (edited))
- 28. MAOCX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in October (edited))
- 29. MANOX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in November (edited))
- 30. MADEX (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in December (edited))
- 31. PRXMM (Monthly private health insurance coverage through Federal or State exchange)
- 32. PRXJA (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in January)
- 33. PRXFE (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in February)
- 34. PRXMA (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in March)
- 35. PRXAP (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in April)
- 36. PRXMY (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in May)
- 37. PRXJU (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in June)
- 38. PRXJL (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in July)
- 39. PRXAU (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in August)
- 40. PRXSE (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in September)
- 41. PRXOC (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in October)
- 42. PRXNO (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in November)

- 43. PRXDE (Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in December)
- 44. EXPTOT (Annual total of direct health care payments)
- 45. EXPSRCPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments by source of payment)
- 46. EXPSELFPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by self/family)
- 47. EXPMCPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by Medicare)
- 48. EXPMAPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by Medicaid)
- 49. EXPPRPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by private insurance)
- 50. EXPVAPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by the Veterans' Administration)
- 51. EXPTRIPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by TRICARE)
- 52. EXPOFPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by other Federal sources)
- 53. EXPOLPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by other State and local sources)
- 54. EXPWCPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by Worker's Compensation)
- 55. EXPOSPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by other unclassified sources)
- 56. EXPPTRPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by private insurance and TRICARE)
- 57. EXPOTHPAY (Annual total of direct health care payments made by all other sources)

Variable: "YEAR"

Name:	YEAR
Label:	Survey year
Variable Text:	YEAR is a four-digit variable reporting the calendar year (e.g., 2003) the survey was conducted and the data were collected. YEAR indicates the survey year on the person record.
Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON
Start Position:	1
End Position:	4
Width:	4
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	This is a 4-digit numeric variable with 0 implied decimal places

Variable: "PERNUM"

Name:	PERNUM
Label:	Person number within family/household (from reformatting)
Variable Text:	PERNUM is an IPUMS MEPS-constructed variable that numbers all persons within each household consecutively (starting with "1") in the order in which they appear in the original MEPS data. PERNUM was created by IPUMS MEPS during the process of reformatting the original MEPS public use files.
Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON
Start Position:	5
End Position:	6
Width:	2
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesPERNUM is a 2-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "DUID"

Name:	DUID
Label:	Dwelling unit ID
	For all persons, DUID reports the identifier assigned by MEPS to the person's Dwelling Unit (DU), sampled for MEPS data collection. DUID is a random ID number assigned after the DU was sampled for MEPS and does not change once assigned. The MEPS sample is a subset of the households that participated in the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS).
Variable Text:	DU definitions are generally consistent with NHIS definitions of households. For example, the 2018 NHIS Survey Description document describes households as "occupied housing units" (p. 10) that exclude "long-term care institutions (for example, nursing homes for the elderly, hospitals for the chronically ill or physically or intellectually disabled, and wards for abused or neglected children), correctional facilities (for example, prisons or jails, juvenile detention centers, and halfway houses)." (p. 8). Additionally, "unless one other family member is a civilian eligible for the survey (for example, a child whose parents are both active-duty military)" (p. 8),

	housing units occupied by active-duty Armed Forces personnel are also excluded from the survey.
	From 1996-2017, DUID is unique within panel, but must be combined with PANEL to be unique across panels. Starting in 2018, DUID begins with the 2-digit variable PANEL, making DUID unique across panels. DUID can be combined with PID to uniquely identify each person within the Dwelling Unit. Please see the user note for more information on the relationship between Dwelling Units, families, Reporting Units, and persons.
Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON
Start Position:	7
End Position:	13
Width:	7
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	DUID is a numeric variable ranging in width from 1 to 7 digits.

Variable: "PID"

Name:	PID
Label:	Person number
Variable Text:	For all persons, PID is a within-Dwelling Unit (DU) person identifier assigned in sampling or by the computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) instrument. PID must be combined with DUID and PANEL to uniquely identify persons across all MEPS data. IPUMS MEPS offers the constructed variable MEPSID, created by concatenating the values of DUID, PID, and PANEL. Please see the user note for more information on the relationship between Dwelling Units, families, Reporting Units, and persons.
Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON
Start Position:	14
End	16

Position:	
Width:	3
Variable Format:	character
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesPID is a 3-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "MEPSID"

Name:	MEPSID
Label:	MEPS unique identifier (IPUMS generated)
Variable Text:	For all persons, MEPSID is a variable that uniquely identifies respondents across MEPS panels. It is created by combining PANEL, DUID, and PID. IPUMS MEPS staff create MEPSID for the 1996-2017 samples to provide a single, universal linking key for MEPS persons. Beginning in 2018, AHRQ modified the identifiers DUID and DUPERSID (which combines DUID with PID) on the original MEPS data files to append information about PANEL to the first two columns. This update makes DUPERSID identical to MEPSID in the IPUMS MEPS extract system for 2018-forward.
	In earlier versions of IPUMS MEPS, IPUMS MEPS staff created a slightly different version of MEPSID, equivalent to combining DUID, PID, and PANEL. This version has been renamed to MEPSID2 and is only available for 1996-2017.
Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON
Start Position:	17
End Position:	26
Width:	10
Variable Format:	character
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	This is a 10-digit numeric variable with 0 implied decimal places

Variable: "PANEL"

Name:	PANEL
Label:	Panel
Variable Text:	For all persons, PANEL reports the number of the panel of which the person was a member. MEPS began in 1996 with Panel number 1 and the panel number for persons entering the MEPS in each subsequent year increases by 1, so that 1997 had Panels 1 (the panel that entered in 1996, in their second year in 1997) and 2 (the panel newly entering MEPS in 1997), 1998 had Panels 2 and 3, 1999 had Panels 3 and 4, and so on. PANEL can be combined with DUID and PID to uniquely identify individuals across panels. IPUMS MEPS offers the constructed variable MEPSID that is equal to the concatenated values of DUID, PID, and PANEL. For more information on the relationship between calendar year, panel, and round data, please see the IPUMS MEPS Panel Design Documentation.
Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON
Start Position:	27
End Position:	28
Width:	2
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

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Variable: "PSUANN"

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Label:	Annual primary sampling unit (PSU) for variance estimation			
Variable Text:	PSUANN is the annual primary sampling unit variable that represents the impact of sample design clustering on the estimates of variance and standard errors. It is appropriate to use PSUANN to generate annual estimates for all years. For pooled analyses including years before 2002, analysts should instead use the pooled primary sampling unit variable, PSUPLD. For analyses limited to years 2002 and later, PSUANN is suitable for use in annual and pooled analyses. PSUANN is constant within a sample design period and changes between sample design periods. For analysis, researchers need to use PSUANN in conjunction with STRATANN to account for stratification and clustering when computing variance estimates with IPUMS MEPS data.			
Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON			
Start Position:	29			
End Position:	31			
Width:	3			
Variable Format:	numeric			
Implied Decimal Places:	0			
Coder Instructions:	CodesPSUANN is a 3-digit numeric variable. 000: Not in Universe			

Variable: "STRATANN"

Name:	STRATANN			
Label:	Annual stratum for variance estimation			
Variable Text:	STRATANN is the annual sampling strata that represents the impact of sample design stratification on the estimates of variance and standard errors. It is appropriate to use STRATANN to generate annual estimates for all years. For pooled analyses including years before 2002, analysts should instead use the pooled variance sampling strata variable, STRATAPLD. For analyses limited to years 2002 and later, STRATANN is suitable for use in annual and pooled analyses. From 1996-2001, STRATANN were statistically independent from year to year. Beginning in 2002, strata are constant within sample design period. For analysis, researchers need to use STRATANN in conjunction with PSUANN to account for stratification and clustering when computing variance estimates with MEPS data.			

Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON
Start Position:	32
End Position:	35
Width:	4
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesSTRATANN is a 4-digit numeric variable. 0000: Not in Universe

Variable: "PANELYR"

Name:	PANELYR
Label:	Year entered MEPS
Variable Text:	For all persons, PANELYR reports the year that the person started to participate in the MEPS Household Component interviews. PANELYR is identical to YEAR if the person is in their first year of MEPS participation ("relative year 1," captured in RELYR), or the year previous to the one recorded in YEAR if the person is in relative year 2 of the MEPS PANEL. For more information on the relationship between relative year, calendar year, panel, and round data, please see the IPUMS MEPS Panel Design Documentation.
Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON
Start Position:	36
End Position:	39
Width:	4
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal	0

Places:

Value	Label
1996	1996
1997	1997
1998	1998
1999	1999
2000	2000
2001	2001
2002	2002
2003	2003
2004	2004
2005	2005
2006	2006
2007	2007
2008	2008
2009	2009
2010	2010
2011	2011
2012	2012
2013	2013
2014	2014
2015	2015
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2016	2016
2017	2017
2018	2018
2019	2019

Variable: "RELYR"

RELYR
Relative year 1 or 2 in panel
For all persons, RELYR indicates whether they are in their first or second year of participation in the MEPS household component panel. The MEPS panel involves five rounds of interviews over a period of about two years. For more information on the relationship between relative year, calendar year, panel, and round data, please see the IPUMS MEPS Panel Design Documentation.
Technical Variables PERSON
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40
1
numeric
0

Value	Label
1	Relative year 1
2	Relative year 2

Variable: "PERWEIGHT"

Name:	PERWEIGHT
Label:	Final basic annual weight
Variable Text:	PERWEIGHT is an IPUMS MEPS-constructed variable based on the Final Person Weight in the original MEPS annual full-year consolidated files. This weight should be used for many cross-sectional analyses at the person level, particularly with variables for which information was collected about all family members. PERWEIGHT represents the inverse probability of selection into the sample, adjusted for non-response with post-stratification adjustments for age, race/ethnicity, and sex using the Census Bureau's population control totals. For each year, the sum of these weights is equal to that year's civilian, non-institutionalized U.S. population. There are instances, however, when the researcher should use a different person-level weight, particularly when analyzing variables from the Self-Administered Questionnaire or the Diabetes Care Survey, or when conducting longitudinal analyses with the MEPS data. For example, researchers analyzing variables from the Self-Administered Questionnaire from 2000 forward should use SAQWEIGHT rather than PERWEIGHT. Users should review the documentation for extracted variablesmost notably the "Weights" section toward the top of each variable descriptionto ascertain which weight is the appropriate choice for a given survey year.
Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON
Start Position:	41
End Position:	52
Width:	12
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	6
Coder Instructions:	CodesPERWEIGHT is a 12-digit numeric variable with 6 implied decimals.

Variable: "SAQWEIGHT"

Name:	SAQWEIGHT
Label:	Self-Administered Questionnaire weight

Variable Text:	SAQWEIGHT is an IPUMS MEPS-constructed variable based on the Final SAQ Weight in the original MEPS annual full-year consolidated files. This weight should be used for many cross-sectional analyses at the person level, particularly with variables for which information was collected about persons selected for the Self-Administered Questionnaire (SAQ) (see SAQELIG for the person's SAQ eligibility status). For each year, the sum of these weights is equal to that year's civilian, non-institutionalized U.S. population aged 18 and older. SAQWEIGHT adjusts for SAQ non-response. In 2000, SAQWEIGHT also includes weighting information for children under the age of 18 whose parent or guardian completed the Parent Administered Questionnaire (PAQ). For 2000 only, the sum of SAQWEIGHT is equal to the full civilian, non-institutionalized U.S. population. SAQWEIGHT does differ from PERWEIGHT in 2000 because the poststratification age group of 15-19 was partitioned into two groups, 15-17 and 18-19, for SAQWEIGHT to account for the target populations of the SAQ and PAQ. Users should review the documentation for extracted variables, most notably the "Weights" section toward the top of each variable description, to ascertain which weight is the appropriate choice for a given survey year. See the User Notes on the use of sampling weights for additional information.
Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON
Start Position:	53
End Position:	64
Width:	12
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	6
Coder Instructions:	CodesSAQWEIGHT is a 12-digit numeric variable with 6 implied decimal places.

Variable: "DIABWEIGHT"

Name:	DIABWEIGHT
Label:	Diabetes care weight
	For all persons, DIABWEIGHT is an IPUMS MEPS-constructed variable based on the Final Diabetes Care Supplement Weight in the original MEPS annual full-year consolidated files. This weight should be used for many cross-sectional analyses at the person level, particularly with variables for which information was collected about persons selected for the self-administered Diabetes Care Survey (DCS) (individuals who reported that they had ever been told by a health care professional that they had

Variable Text:	diabetes). DIABWEIGHT adjusts for DCS non-response. For each year, the sum of these weights is equal to that year's estimated U.S. population of civilian, non-institutionalized diabetics aged 18 and older. Only persons who answer "yes" to DCSDIABDX have a positive value for DIABWEIGHT. For more information about the DCS, please see the Diabetes Care Survey user note. Users should review the documentation for extracted variablesmost notably the "Weights" section toward the top of each variable descriptionto ascertain which weight is the appropriate choice for a given survey year.
Concept:	Technical Variables PERSON
Start Position:	65
End Position:	76
Width:	12
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	6
Coder Instructions:	CodesDIABWEIGHT is a 12-digit numeric variable with 6 implied decimal places.

Variable: "POVLEV"

Name:	POVLEV
Label:	Family income as a percentage of the poverty line, continuous
	POVLEV is a continuous measure of the ratio of total family income (excluding capital gains and tax refunds) to the federal poverty line. AHRQ staff constructed POVLEV primarily from data collected in the Income section of the MEPS questionnaire, by dividing CPS family income by the applicable poverty line (based on family size and composition).
	CPS families are defined as a group of two or more people related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together. Unlike the MEPS-defined family, the CPS family definition does not include unmarried partners or foster children.
	Family income was constructed by first creating person-level total income, comprising annual earnings from wages, salaries, bonuses, tips, and commissions (INCWAGE); business and farm gains and losses (INCBUS); unemployment (INCUNEMP) and workers' compensation (INCWKCOM); interest (INCINT) and dividends (INCDIVID); alimony (INCALIM), child support (INCCHLD), and other private cash transfers (INCCASH); private pensions (INCRETIR), IRA withdrawals (INCIRA), social security (INCSS), and veterans payments (INCVET); supplemental security income (INCSSI)

and cash welfare payments from public assistance, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and Aid to Dependent Children (INCWELFR); gains or losses from estates, trusts, partnerships, S corporations, rent, and royalties (INCPROP and INCTRST); and Variable a small amount of "other" income (INCOTH). Family income excluded tax refunds and Text: capital gains. Person-level income totals were then summed over family members as defined by CPSFAMID to yield the family-level total. Persons missing CPSFAMID were treated as one-person families in constructing POVLEV. Logical editing or weighted, sequential hot-deck imputation were used to impute income amounts for missing values (both for non-response and for persons in the fullyear file who were not in the round where income questions were asked). Round-level data on employment status, hours worked, and wages were used to supplement earnings data collected in the Income Section. A categorical variable POVCAT for the ratio of total family income to federal poverty line is also available in all survey years. Two categorical IPUMS MEPS constructed variables are also available. (POVCATCPS) and (POVCATMEPS) offer family income to poverty level ratio data in more detailed categories, for all survey years. POVCAT and POVCPSCAT calculate family income to poverty level ratios for the CPS family (excludes foster children and unmarried partners). POVCATMEPS uses MEPS families (includes foster children and unmarried partners). POVCATCPS and POVCATMEPS are constructed from the public (edited and top-coded) versions of total individual income (summed across MEPS family), and therefore may not match POVCAT. Concept: Poverty Variables -- PERSON Start 77 Position: End 87 Position: Width: 11 Variable numeric Format: **Implied** Decimal 6 Places: POVLEV is 11 columns wide with 6 implied decimals. Because POVLEV includes sources Coder of income that can result in net losses, such as business income, there are a small Instructions:

Variable: "DELAYCOST"

Name:	DELAYCOST
Label:	Medical care delayed due to cost, past 12 months

number of legitimate negative values of POVLEV.

	For all persons eligible for the Access to Care section (ACCESSELIG), DELAYCOST indicates whether, in the past 12 months, the respondent has delayed medical care because of worry about the cost.
Variable Text:	DELAYCOST is collected as part of the Access to Care section, which gathers information on usual source of care for all family members, characteristics of usual source of care health providers, and barriers family members have faced in obtaining needed health care. Please see UNTMNDMC for all variables pertaining to reasons the respondent was unable to obtain or had to delay necessary medical care and ACCESSELIG for more information about the Access to Care section.
	IPUMS MEPS reports the universe for each variable based on a thorough review of the original MEPS documentation. Investigating the data may reveal cases that do not meet the stated universe. Users are encouraged to validate universes for their analyses.
Concept:	Delayed/Unmet Need Variables PERSON
Start Position:	88
End Position:	88
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes
7	Unknown-refused
8	Unknown-not ascertained
9	Unknown-don't know (1993-96: DK or refused)

Variable: "HIPRIVATE"

Name:	HIPRIVATE	
Label:	Has any private health insurance	
Variable Text:	For all persons, HIPRIVATE is an annual summary variable that indicates whether the person had private health insurance coverage from any source, including TRICARE/CHAMPVA, for at least one day during the calendar year. This variable was constructed by AHRQ staff based on the values of the corresponding 12 month-by-month private health insurance coverage variables (PRIJA-PRIDE).	
Concept:	General Coverage Variables PERSON	
Start Position:	89	
End Position:	90	
Width:	2	
Variable Format:	numeric	
Implied Decimal Places:	0	
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Categories

Value	Label
01	No
02	Yes

Variable: "COVERTYPE"

Name:	COVERTYPE	
Label:	Health insurance coverage type (hierarchy)	
	For all persons, COVERTYPE reports the persons' health insurance coverage type recoded into a hierarchy. COVERTYPE includes three mutually exclusive categories and persons with more than one type of health insurance coverage were assigned to the first appropriate	

Variable Text:	category in the following hierarchy: Private, including persons who had any private insurance coverage during the calendar year, including TRICARE/CHAMPVA. Public only, including persons who only had public coverage during the calendar year. Uninsured, including persons who were uninsured for the entire calendar year.
Concept:	General Coverage Variables PERSON
Start Position:	91
End Position:	91
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Width: Variable Format: Implied Decimal	numeric

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	Private
2	Medicaid and other public
3	Other coverage
4	Uninsured
5	Don't know

Variable: "MAMMX"

Name:	MAMMX
Label:	Monthly Medicaid/SCHIP health insurance coverage (edited)

Variable Text:	For all persons, MAMMX is a set of edited monthly health insurance variables indicating whether they have Medicaid and/or SCHIP coverage in a given calendar month. By adding MAMMX to your data cart, you are in effect adding 12 monthly health insurance coverage variables (MAJAX-MADEX), one variable for each calendar month. The Medicaid/SCHIP variables have been edited to include persons who paid nothing for their other public hospital/physician insurance when such coverage was through a Medicaid HMO or reported to include some other managed care characteristics. Monthly Health Insurance Coverage Variables MAJAX: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in January (edited) MAFEX: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in February (edited) MAMAX: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in March (edited) MAMAX: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in April (edited) MAMYX: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in June (edited) MAJUX: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in June (edited) MAJUX: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in July (edited) MAAUX: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in September (edited) MAOUX: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in October (edited) MAOCX: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in November (edited) MADEX: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in December (edited) Detail about Insurance Editing 8nbsp;In Rounds 2, 3, 4, and 5, insurance that was in effect at the previous round's interview date was reviewed with the respondent. Most of the insurance variables have been logically edited to address issues that arose during such reviews in Rounds 2, 3, 4, and 5. Edits address issues of missing data on the time period of coverage that was either reviewed or initially reported in a given round.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	92
End Position:	92
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Coder
Instructions:

This is a 1-digit numeric variable with 0 implied decimal places

Variable: "MAJAX"

Name:	MAJAX
Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in January (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MAJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	93
End Position:	93
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "MAFEX"

Name:	MAFEX
Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in February (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MAJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.

Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	94
End Position:	94
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "MAMAX"

Name:	MAMAX
Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in March (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MAJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	95
End Position:	95
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "MAAPX"

Name:	MAAPX
Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in April (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MAJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	96
End Position:	96
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "MAMYX"

Name:	MAMYX
Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in May (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MAJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	97
End Position:	97
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "MAJUX"

Name:	MAJUX
Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in June (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MAJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	98

End Position:	98
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "MAJLX"

Name:	MAJLX
Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in July (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MAJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	99
End Position:	99
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
End Position: Width: Variable Format: Implied Decimal	99 1 numeric

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "MAAUX"

Name:	MAAUX
Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in August (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MAJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	100
End Position:	100
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "MASEX"

Name:	MASEX
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Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in September (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MAJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	101
End Position:	101
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "MAOCX"

Name:	MAOCX
Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in October (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MCJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	102
End Position:	102

Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "MANOX"

Name:	MANOX
Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in November (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MAJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	103
End Position:	103
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Value	Label

0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "MADEX"

Name:	MADEX
Label:	Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in December (edited)
Variable Text:	Extracts include the MAJAX-MADEX variables if users choose MAMMX during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	104
End Position:	104
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "PRXMM"

Name:	PRXMM
Label:	Monthly private health insurance coverage through Federal or State exchange

For all persons, PRXMM is a set of constructed monthly summary health insurance variables indicating whether they were covered by private insurance obtained through a federal or state health insurance exchange in a given calendar month. By adding PRXMM to your data cart, you are in effect adding 12 monthly health insurance coverage variables (PRXJA-PRXDE), one variable for each calendar month. Monthly Health Insurance Coverage Variables PRXJA: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace January PRXFE: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace February PRXMA: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace March PRXAP: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace April PRXMY: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace May PRXJU: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace June PRXJL: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace July PRXAU: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace August PRXSE: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace September PRXOC: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace October Variable PRXNO: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace November Text: PRXDE: Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace December Detail about Insurance Editing Beginning in Panel 18 Round 3/Panel 19 Round 1 (calendar year 2014), information was collected on whether respondents obtained health insurance through a federal or state health insurance exchange. Additionally, respondents reporting insurance from a group, directly from an insurance company or HMO, from an insurance agent, or from an "other" unspecified source were asked "Is this coverage through {state exchange name}?" Persons who reported a source of insurance that was not through an exchange/marketplace (e.g. through a group or directly from an insurance company) but who answered yes when asked if the coverage was through the state-specific exchange were also classified as having exchange/marketplace coverage instead of being assigned to the category they originally reported. In addition to reporting coverage through an exchange/marketplace, coverage needed to have been identified as hospital/physician coverage, but not identified as having Medicare supplemental coverage. MEPS respondents reporting public coverage were also asked whether the public coverage was obtained through a federal or state marketplace in case respondents were confused about whether the source of coverage was public or private. This approach is consistent with the health insurance questions in the Current Population Survey and the National Health Interview Survey. These variables should be considered unedited since some individuals with public coverage reported as through a marketplace may be edited to private exchange/marketplace coverage in later releases of MEPS data, once additional information on family income is available to aid in data edits. Concept: Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON

Start Position:	105
End Position:	105
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	This is a 1-digit numeric variable with 0 implied decimal places

Variable: "PRXJA"

Name:	PRXJA
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in January
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	106
End Position:	106
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No

2	Yes

Variable: "PRXFE"

Name:	PRXFE
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in February
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	107
End Position:	107
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "PRXMA"

Name:	PRXMA
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in March
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.

Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON	
Start Position:	108	
End Position:	108	
Width:	1	
Variable Format:	numeric	
Implied Decimal Places:	0	

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "PRXAP"

Name:	PRXAP	
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in April	
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.	
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON	
Start Position:	109	
End Position:	109	
Width:	1	
Variable Format:	numeric	
Implied Decimal Places:	0	

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "PRXMY"

Name:	PRXMY
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in May
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	110
End Position:	110
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "PRXJU"

Name:	PRXJU
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in June
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	111
End Position:	111
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "PRXJL"

Name:	PRXJL
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in July
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON

Start Position:	112
End Position:	112
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "PRXAU"

Name:	PRXAU
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in August
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	113
End Position:	113
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Categories	•

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "PRXSE"

Name:	PRXSE
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in September
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	114
End Position:	114
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "PRXOC"

Name:	PRXOC
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in October
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	115
End Position:	115
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "PRXNO"

Name:	PRXNO
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in November
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	116
End Position:	116

Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Value	Label
0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "PRXDE"

Name:	PRXDE
Label:	Covered by private insurance through exchange/marketplace in December
Variable Text:	Extracts include the PRXJA-PRXDE variables if users choose PRXMM during the extract process.
Concept:	Monthly Health Insurance Variables PERSON
Start Position:	117
End Position:	117
Width:	1
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0

Categories

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0	NIU
1	No
2	Yes

Variable: "EXPTOT"

Name:	EXPTOT
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPTOT captures the sum of direct payments for care provided during the year, including out-of-pocket payments and payments by private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and other sources. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures. Related variables
	Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	118
End Position:	124
Width:	7
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPTOT is a 6-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPSRCPAY"

Name:	EXPSRCPAY	
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Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments by source of payment
	For all persons, EXPSRCPAY is a set of summary expenditure variables indicating the total amount paid for health care expenditures by source of payment during the current calendar year. By adding EXPSRCPAY to your data cart, you are in effect adding fourteen annual summary expenditure variables. These variables include:
	EXPSELFPAY: Annual total direct health care payments made by self/family
	EXPMCPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments made by Medicare
	EXPMAPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments made by Medicaid
	EXPPRPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments made by private insurance
	EXPVAPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments made by the Veterans' Administration
	EXPTRIPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments made by TRICARE
Variable Text:	EXPOFPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments made by other Federal sources
	EXPOLPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments made by other State and local sources
	EXPWCPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments made by Worker's Compensation
	EXPOPRPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments from other private source
	EXPOPUPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments from other public source
	EXPOSPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments made by other unclassified sources
	EXPPTRPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments made by private insurance and TRICARE
	EXPOTHPAY: Annual total of direct health care payments made by all other sources
	Related variables Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	125
End Position:	125
Width:	1

Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPSRCPAY is a 1-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPSELFPAY"

Name:	EXPSELFPAY
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by self/family
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPSELFPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by the person and the person's family for care provided during the year. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures. Related variables Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list
	of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	126
End Position:	131
Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPSELFPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPMCPAY"

Name:	EXPMCPAY
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by Medicare
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPMCPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by Medicare for care provided during the year. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures. Related variables
	Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	132
End Position:	137
Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPMCPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPMAPAY"

Name:	EXPMAPAY
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by Medicaid
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPMAPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by Medicaid for care provided during the year. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures. Related variables Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total

	annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	138
End Position:	144
Width:	7
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPMAPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPPRPAY"

Name:	EXPPRPAY
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by private insurance
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPPRPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by private health insurance for care provided during the year. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures. Related variables Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	145
End Position:	150

Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPPRPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPVAPAY"

Name:	EXPVAPAY
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by the Veterans' Administration
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPVAPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by the Veterans' Administration for care provided during the year. Refer to the comparability tab for information on how the specific sources of payment included in EXPVAPAY change over time. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures. Related variables Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health
	care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	151
End Position:	156
Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder	CodesEXPVAPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.

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Variable: "EXPTRIPAY"

Name:	EXPTRIPAY
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by TRICARE
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPTRIPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by TRICARE (formerly CHAMPUS) for care provided during the year. Refer to the comparability tab for information on how the specific sources of payment included in EXPTRIPAY change over time. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures.
	Related variables Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	157
End Position:	162
Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPTRIPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPOFPAY"

Name:	EXPOFPAY
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by other Federal sources
	For all persons, EXPOFPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by other Federal government sources, including Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and

Variable Text:	other care provided by the Federal government. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures. Related variables
	Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	163
End Position:	168
Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPOFPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPOLPAY"

Name:	EXPOLPAY
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by other State and local sources
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPOLPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by other State and local government sources, including community and neighborhood clinics, State and local health departments, and State programs other than Medicaid, for outpatient care provided during the year. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures. Related variables Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
	of these variables.

Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	169
End Position:	174
Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPOLPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPWCPAY"

Name:	EXPWCPAY
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by Worker's Compensation
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPWCPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by Worker's Compensation for care provided during the year. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures. Related variables
	Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	175
End Position:	180
Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric

Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPWCPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPOSPAY"

Name:	EXPOSPAY
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by other unclassified sources
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPOSPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by other unclassified sources, such as automobile, homeowner's, liability, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources for care provided during the year. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures. Related variables
	Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	181
End Position: 186	186
Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPOSPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPPTRPAY"

Name:	EXPPTRPAY

Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by private insurance and TRICARE
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPPTRPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by private health insurance (EXPPRPAY) and TRICARE (EXPTRIPAY) for care provided during the year. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures. Related variables Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total
	annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	187
End Position:	192
Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPPTRPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.

Variable: "EXPOTHPAY"

Name:	EXPOTHPAY
Label:	Annual total of direct health care payments made by all other sources
Variable Text:	For all persons, EXPOTHPAY captures the sum of direct payments made by all other sources, including other Federal (EXPOFPAY), other State and local (EXPOLPAY, other private (EXPOPRPAY), other public (EXPOPUPAY), and other unclassified sources (EXPOSPAY) for care provided during the year. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures.

	Related variables Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures for a list of these variables.
Concept:	Total Expenditures Variables PERSON
Start Position:	193
End Position:	198
Width:	6
Variable Format:	numeric
Implied Decimal Places:	0
Coder Instructions:	CodesEXPOTHPAY is a 6-digit numeric variable.